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Bannon says Stone was Trump campaign link to WikiLeaks

Former White House strategist Steve Bannon arrives to testify at the trial of Roger Stone, at federal court in Washington, Friday, Nov. 8, 2019.

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By A. KHALIL/M. BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump's campaign viewed Roger Stone as an "access point" to WikiLeaks and tried to use him to get advanced word about hacked emails damaging to Hillary

Clinton, a former top presidential adviser testified Friday. In reluctant testimony, former campaign CEO Steve Bannon told a federal court that Stone, on trial for lying to Congress and witness tampering, had boasted about his ties to WikiLeaks and its founder Julian

Assange, alerting them to pending new batches of damaging emails. "The campaign had no official access to WikiLeaks or to Julian Assange," Bannon told the court. It was the first time that anyone affiliated with the Trump campaign acknowledged in court that they

had actively sought material from WikiLeaks, which released emails that U.S. intelligence agencies determined had been hacked by the Russian government in order to damage Clinton.

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The White House had no immediate comment.

Stone, a colorful political operative and Trump ally, is charged with witness tampering and lying to Congress about his attempts to contacts WikiLeaks about the damaging material during the 2016 presidential campaign.

While Stone repeatedly "implied that he had a connection with WikiLeaks," he never stated it directly, Bannon said.

The campaign took Stone's boasts seriously enough to follow up, asking why expected information about Clinton wasn't revealed when Assange held a press conference in October 2016.

Bannon, who testified in response to a subpoena, did not say anything about Trump and said Stone had not been sent by anyone on the campaign to talk to Assange.

Earlier this week, a former FBI agent testified about a flurry of phone calls between Stone and then-

candidate Trump — including three calls on July 14, 2016 — the day that a massive hack of the Democratic National Committee's servers was reported. But the agent said she did not know what was discussed on those calls.

As he left the courthouse, Bannon griped about being subpoenaed by prosecutors and Congress in addition to being interviewed several times by special counsel Robert Mueller's team as it investigated Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

"I was forced and compelled to come here today," he said as he climbed into a waiting SUV outside the courthouse.

Bannon's testimony came after comedian and radio talk show Randy Credico told jurors that Stone pressured him into backing up lies he told Congress, threatening to take away his dog at one point. Credico said Stone pressed him to "go along" with a false account of the operative's contacts with WikiLeaks during the 2016 U.S. presi-



Roger Stone, and his wife Nydia, arrive at Federal Court for his federal trial in Washington, Friday, Nov. 8, 2019.

dential campaign. "He wanted me to go along with this narrative," Credico said in his second day of testimony. Stone called a Credico a "rat" and a "stoolie" in a threatening April 2018 email. Credico also testified that Stone used repeated references from the movie "The Godfather Part II" to intimidate him into either backing up Stone's testimony to Congress or refusing to testify.

"My lawyers are dying to rip you to shreds. I'm going to take that dog away from you," he said in the email, which Credico read aloud in court. And while Credico testified he considered the threat "hyperbole," he also said that Stone "plays hardball" and "I did not want to rile the guy."

The radio host told the court he's had his dog Bianca, a small breed known as a cotton de tular, since 2006. "I have no wife, no kids, I've been around the dog for 12 years," he said.

Credico has occasionally provoked laughter in court and warnings from the judge.

Thursday's testimony detailed the acrimonious collapse of the relationship between the liberal Credico and Stone, a longtime conservative opera-

tive who revered Richard Nixon so much that he has the disgraced former president's face tattooed on his back. Credico and Stone met in 2002 through the campaign of a third-party candidate for New York governor. Despite their political differences, Stone was a regular guest on Credico's radio show.

"He's good on radio," Credico said of Stone. "He's a good guest to have on."

Stone, a longtime Trump confidant and conservative operative who has a tattoo of former president Richard Nixon's face on his back, is accused of telling Congress that Credico was the source of his inside information about WikiLeaks. But Credico said he and Stone never discussed WikiLeaks before late August 2016, making it impossible that he was the "trusted intermediary" that Stone had been referring to for months. Credico did manage to contact Assange through mutual acquaintance Margaret Kunstler, and hosted Assange on his radio show on Aug. 25, 2016. He says Stone, who had already claimed in interviews to have a back-channel link to Assange, immediately started asking Credico to put him in touch

with Assange. Prosecutors have said Stone lied about his efforts to learn more about the WikiLeaks releases because the truth about his efforts would "look bad" for Trump.

In an often-testy cross examination, defense attorney Robert Buschel tried to paint Stone as the victim of a con job by Credico, saying that the radio host repeatedly lied to Stone to exaggerate his connection and influence with Assange. They went through the pair's text exchanges before Credico's September 2016 trip to London. Credico wrote to Stone that a meeting with Assange, who was sheltering from prosecution in the Ecuadoran embassy, was "on the agenda." In reality, there was no meeting planned and the closest Credico got to Assange was delivering a letter from his radio station's administration to the embassy offering Assange a show on their channel.

Credico said Stone was pestering him with requests and that he led Stone to believe he was working on making contact with Assange "just to satisfy him and get him off my back." Stone's trial is scheduled to resume on Tuesday. □

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Interior proposes coveted deal to ex-client of agency head

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department is proposing to award one of the first contracts for federal water in perpetuity to a powerful rural California water district that had long employed Secretary David Bernhardt as a lobbyist.

Conservation groups are demanding fuller disclosure of financial terms and an environmental review of the proposed deal for the California's Westlands Water District, the nation's largest agricultural water supplier.

The water district serves some of country's wealthiest and most politically influential corporate farmers. Bernhardt served as a lobbyist for Westlands until 2016, the year before he joined Interior, initially as deputy secretary.

"The Interior Department needs to look out for the public interest, and not just serve the financial interests of their former lobbying clients," said Rep. Jared Huffman, a Democrat from California.

Responding to questions, Interior spokeswoman Carol Danko said the handling of the Westlands' contract was delegated entirely to California staffers of the Bureau of Reclamation, which is under the Department of Interior.

The agency will make a final decision after the legally mandated public comment period, she said.

Doug Obegi, a senior attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the handling of the contract raises concerns Interior "is trying to give Westlands a sweetheart deal."

Bernhardt's past lobbying work — much of it for industries with business before Interior — has led environmental groups and Democratic lawmakers to accuse him of lack of transparency and the appearance of conflict of interest in his work at the agency.

As a lobbyist, he was involved in negotiations on a contentious 2016 federal

law that made the Westlands' proposed deal possible, allowing water districts to lock up permanent contracts for water from California's federal water project.

The 2016 law had been sought for decades by water districts in California, where frequent droughts sometimes led to water rationing and dying crops. It reshaped the federal handling of water in the U.S. state with the largest economy.

Environmental groups say a permanent deal would let California's water contractors forgo future negotiations before the public and environmental groups, further threatening the survival of some of the endangered native fish and other wildlife that also need the water.

Interior's Bureau of Reclamation posted notice on its website Oct. 25 of the proposed contract and the 60-day public comment period, which ends over the Christmas holiday. Other water districts are lining up behind Westlands to negotiate their own permanent contracts.

Westland's contract would give it permanent claim to enough water to supply more than 2 million California households, although federal suppliers in practice typically divvy up water each year based on available supply.

The water comes from the federal Central Valley Project, a massive, federally built network of dams, tunnels and canals that pipes water from greener Northern California to farms and cities of the more populated south.

The 2016 law allows Westlands and other water districts to lock in the water contracts for good if they repay the federal government for their share of the Central Valley Project's costs.

Interior said in its statement Thursday that Westlands owes the federal government \$480.7 million. Environmental groups say

the rural California water district has been seeking to bargain down the pay-back amount, and want to see what the contract obliges Westlands to pay. Danko, the Interior spokeswoman, said the proposed deal would result in the government being paid back a decade early.

Meanwhile, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra on Friday announced a proposed settlement with Westlands over allegations that the district broke state law by leading a project to raise the height of the Shasta Dam.

The dam holds back the northern Sacramento River and its tributaries and is a



In this March 28, 2019, file photo, David Bernhardt speaks before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee at his confirmation hearing to head the Interior Department, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

major component of the state's water delivery system.

Opponents say raising the dam would harm the tributary McCloud River and its wild trout fishery protected by the California Wild and

Scenic Rivers Act.

The settlement bars Westlands from participating in any effort to raise the dam. It follows a judge's preliminary injunction in July halting the district's participation. □



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Whistleblower disputes boil over in impeachment interview

By **MATTHEW DALY**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Transcripts released Friday in the impeachment inquiry show Republicans and Democrats repeatedly skirmishing over GOP questions that appeared aimed at drawing out the identity of the whistleblower who filed the initial complaint against President Donald Trump. Trump himself speculated that the whis-

tleblower "should be sued. And maybe for treason." During questioning last month of Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a top Trump national security adviser, Republicans repeatedly asked questions that could reveal the whistleblower's identity — leading to sharp exchanges with Democrats and Vindman's lawyer. The chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif.,



Former National Security Council Director for European Affairs Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman returns to the Capitol to review transcripts of his testimony in the impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump, in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019.

Associated Press

finally intervened, saying: "It is the ruling of the chair that the witness shall not identify employees, detailees or contractors of the intelligence agency, or provide information that may lead to the revelation of the identity of the whistleblower, someone whose life has been put at risk."

Democrats "are determined to protect the right of that whistleblower to remain anonymous," Schiff said, "and we will not allow bad-faith efforts to out this whistleblower."

Vindman's lawyer, Michael Volkov, said his client would not answer questions about how many people, other than State Department official George Kent, he told about concerns he had over Trump's July 25 call with the president of Ukraine. The call, and Trump's request for a "favor" from Ukraine are the basis of the impeachment inquiry.

Pressed repeatedly, Volkov said of his client: "Look, he came here. He tells you he's not the whistleblower, okay? He says he feels uncomfortable about it. Try and respect his feelings at this point."

A person then identified only as "voice" interjects: "We're uncomfortable impeaching the president."

Volkov then shot back: "What I'm telling you right now is you have to protect the identity of a whistleblower. I get that there may be political overtones. You guys go do what you got to do, but do not put this man in the middle of it." Volkov added that he had "never seen either party ever try to out a whistleblower in the same concerted way that is going on in here."

That prompted argument with Rep. Lee Zeldin, R-N.Y., over where the GOP was going with their questions. "You know what? I know what you're going to say," Volkov said angrily. "I already know what you're going to do, okay? And I don't want to hear the Fox News questions, okay? Yeah, yeah, that's exactly right."

Zeldin then tried to assure Volkov that Republicans were not attempting to out the whistleblower.

"That's not true. I don't believe you," Volkov retorted. U.S. whistleblower laws exist to protect the identity and careers of people who bring forward accusations of wrongdoing by government officials. Lawmakers in both parties have historically backed those protections.

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cally does not reveal the identity of whistleblowers. Trump and other Republicans have blasted the media for not reporting the name of a person identified in conservative circles as the whistleblower. So far Trump has avoided using the name publicly.

Schiff repeatedly sparred with Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, the top Republican on the House Oversight Committee, one of the three committees conducting the closed-door interviews. Jordan was named Friday to the House Intelligence panel, where he and Schiff are likely to do combat with each other at public hearings scheduled next week.

"We fully care about protecting the whistleblower. In fact, you're the only one who knows who these people are who started this whole thing," Jordan shot back, referring to early contacts the whistleblower had with Democratic staffers on the Intelligence panel.

At another point, as Schiff again urged a GOP lawyer not to attempt to "out" the whistleblower, Jordan interjected: "Mr. Chairman, his lawyer can serve as his lawyer. You can just serve as the chairman. We can ask the questions we want to ask." □

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Texas governor opens homeless campsite amid feud with Austin

By PAUL J. WEBER and CLARICE SILBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' Republican governor said Thursday he is creating a homeless campsite on state land in the capital of Austin, escalating a battle with the city's liberal leaders over people living on the streets.

Greg Abbott's announcement was met with a mix of muted welcoming and accusations of political posturing from Democrats who run the state capital around the Texas Governor's Mansion, where Abbott has spent months lashing out at the city's homelessness problem on Twitter. The plans to convert 5 acres of state land on the outskirts of downtown into a campsite also drew the attention of national advocates for homeless, who couldn't recall another state ever making such a move.

"Outside of the national disaster context, I'm not aware of any state setting up an encampment like this," said Eric Tars, legal director for the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty in Washington. Like other fast-growing cities in the U.S., Austin has struggled with homelessness as housing costs skyrocket. On Wednesday, Las Vegas made sleeping on downtown streets illegal over protests about a "war on the poor."

President Donald Trump began a trip to California in September saying he would do something about homelessness but offered no specifics. He said cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco can't "destroy themselves by allowing what's happening."

But in Texas, Abbott has turned his attacks on his own backyard. The homeless in Austin grew more visible after Mayor Steve Adler and city leaders decriminalized camping in public places, which Abbott slammed as reckless and a threat to public safety downtown.

He shared videos on Twitter that he said captured



In this Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019 file photo, from left, Terry Flakes, Kim Smith, and Tracy Botlinger have lunch at their camp in south Austin, Texas.

the dangers of the city's new policy, some of which were old and criticized as misleading. One video Abbott tweeted featured a man whose attorney later said wasn't homeless and suffered from mental illness. Abbott spokesman John Wittman said the campsite in on the city's east side will have portable restrooms and hand-washing stations. He said it will also provide access to homeless case workers and healthcare providers until a new permanent sheltering opens.

"Our goal is to make Austin safer while also providing better alternatives to the homeless," Abbott tweeted Monday, when he directed crews to begin clearing out homeless encampments under Austin bridges and overpasses.

Austin's homeless population is more than 2,200, a number that has ticked up slightly over the past two years. Austin Mayor Steve Adler said the state's temporary camping area "can be constructive" but emphasized that the focus would remain permanent housing.

State Rep. Eddie Rodriguez,

a Democrat whose Austin district includes the new homeless campsite, said he welcomed the state's help

but saw no long-term solution.

"I know politics when I see it, and that's what it seems

like to me," Rodriguez said. "There's no love lost between the governor and the city of Austin." □

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Medicare's outpatient 'Part B' premium going up to \$144.60

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR

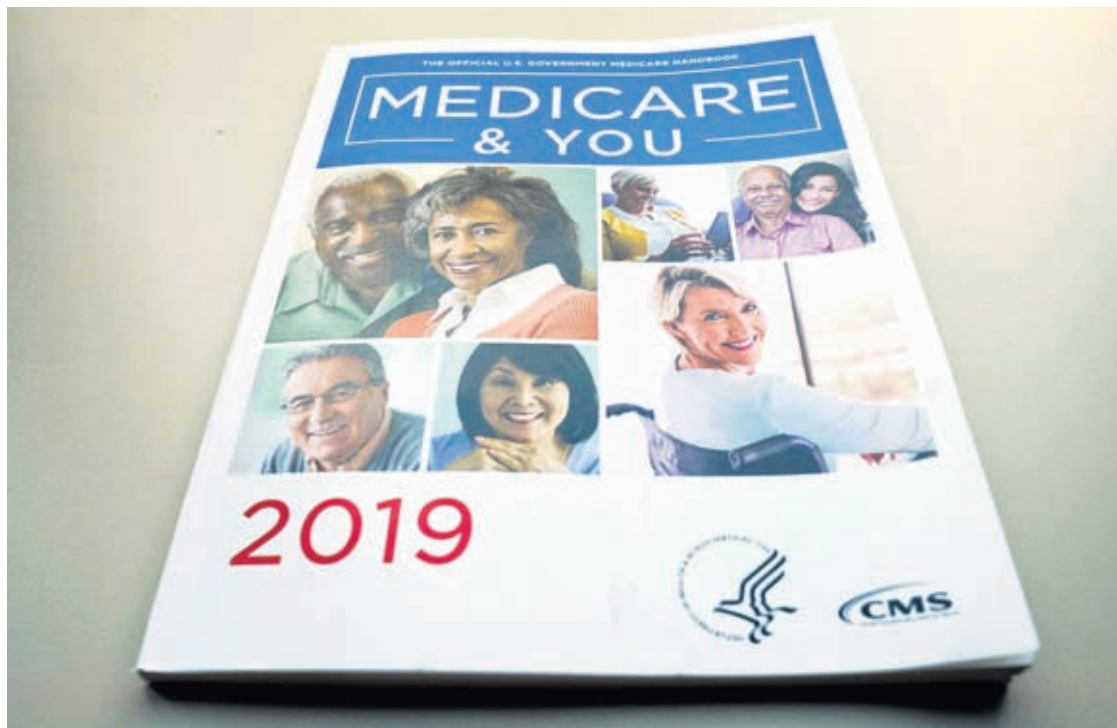
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare's "Part B" premium for outpatient care will rise by nearly 7% to \$144.60 a month next year, officials said Friday. They blamed rising spending on medications.

The \$9.10 monthly increase follows a smaller \$1.50 rise this year. It comes after Social Security announced a modest cost-of-living raise for 2020 that works out to about \$24 a month for the average retired worker.

"People who are really counting on that Social Security (raise) will lose some of that to this Medicare increase," said Fred Riccardi, president of the Medicare Rights Center, a group that advocates on health care issues. "For people who live with little to no savings, any increase in Medicare premiums or drug costs is going to be a struggle."

Medicare blamed the premium increase largely on



In this Nov. 8, 2018, file photo, the U.S. Medicare Handbook is photographed, in Washington.

Associated Press

rising spending for drugs administered in doctors' offices. Those medications are covered under the Part B outpatient benefit and include many cancer drugs.

"These higher costs have a ripple effect and result in higher Part B premiums and deductible," the Centers

for Medicare and Medicaid Services said in a statement. Pharmacy drugs are covered by another part of Medicare, the Part D prescription program.

The announcement on premiums comes amid growing uncertainty about pending legislation to rein

in drug costs for seniors. The White House and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi parted ways this week on her bill that calls for Medicare to negotiate drug prices.

President Donald Trump instead has thrown his support to a bipartisan Senate bill that would require drug-

makers to pay rebates to Medicare if they increase prices beyond the inflation. Meanwhile, a Trump administration regulation that would try to lower what Medicare pays for drugs administered in doctors' offices has yet to be finalized. The Part B standard premium is what many seniors use as an unofficial yardstick to track what health care is costing them. Part B covers doctor visits and outpatient care. Upper-income retirees pay higher premiums and those are also going up.

Medicare also announced that annual Part B outpatient deductible will increase by \$13, to \$198 next year.

The Part A in-patient deductible will increase by \$44, to \$1,408 in 2020.

A recent study found that more than half of seriously ill Medicare enrollees face financial hardships over medical bills, and prescription drugs are the leading problem. □

Mural of activist Greta Thunberg going up in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Teen climate activist Greta Thunberg is staring down at pedestrians in the heart of San Francisco where an artist is painting a massive mural of the Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

SFGate reports Friday that Argentine muralist Andres Iglesias, who signs his art with the pseudonym Cobre, is set to finish the artwork of the Swedish 16-year-old in Union Square by next week.

Iglesias tells SFGate that he's donating his time to complete the work and that he hopes the mural helps people realize "we have to take care of the world."

He also painted a mural of Robin Williams in downtown San Francisco that has since been demolished.

Cobre says he was searching for a building for a new mural when environmental nonprofit One Atmosphere approached him about the project. □



Andres Petreselli paints a mural on the side of a building depicting Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg, Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, in San Francisco.

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Oklahoma woman imprisoned in failure-to-protect case is free



Tondalao Hall, left, celebrates with family members after being released from Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in McCloud, Okla., Friday, Nov. 8, 2019.

By **KEN MILLER and SUE OGROCKI**

Associated Press

McLOUD, Okla. (AP) — An Oklahoma woman whose sentence for failing to report her boyfriend's abuse of her children was far harsher than his for the abuse itself wiped away tears and hugged family and friends Friday as she was released after 15 years.

Tondalao Hall, 35, left a women's prison in McCloud, Oklahoma, after serving about 13 more years behind bars than her boyfriend, who pleaded guilty in 2006 but was released on probation with credit for time served.

"Blessed to be with my family, I just want to be with my family," Hall said as she walked away from the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center on the eastern edge of Oklahoma City.

The disparity of the sentences outraged wom-

en's rights advocates and brought further attention to Oklahoma's high rate of incarceration, particularly of women.

Hall's father, Wazell Hall, 74, said he feared many family members would never see Hall again as a free woman.

"I was afraid that most of my family, her family, would be gone before she got out," Wazell Hall said.

The Oklahoma Department of Corrections said Thursday that Gov. Kevin Stitt signed the order to commute her sentence. Her release came about a month after the state Pardon and Parole Board voted unanimously to recommend that Stitt commute her sentence to time served.

Hall was sentenced to 30 years in prison in 2006 after pleading guilty to failing to protect two of her children. The boyfriend, Robert Braxton Jr., pleaded guilty to

abusing the children and was released on probation with the credit for the two years he already spent in jail.

While living with Braxton, Hall's young children suffered broken bones, but no evidence ever indicated Hall committed any violence or harmed her children, ACLU officials said.

"First and foremost, I want to thank God for making a way and for keeping me

safe and sane during this season of my life," Tondalao Hall said earlier in a statement. "Secondly, for all the people God has placed in my life, my children and my family for sticking by me.

Time and space cannot accommodate the list of people who have loved, helped, and supported me through all of this, so, to everyone who has, thank you and God bless you!"

The American Civil Liberties

Union in 2017 filed a lawsuit challenging what it said was a disproportionate sentence because Braxton was also abusing Hall.

Hall's release comes days after more than 450 state inmates convicted of drug and property crimes were released Monday.

That group was the largest single-day mass commutation in U.S. history. Hall's commutation came separately. □

Bacteria that killed 3 infants traced to hospital equipment

By **MICHAEL RUBINKAM**
Associated Press

A Pennsylvania hospital said Friday it has discovered the source of a waterborne germ that sickened at least eight premature infants, killing three.

Geisinger Medical Center in Danville said the process it was using to prepare donor breast milk led to the deadly outbreak in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.

Infection control specialists used DNA testing to trace the *Pseudomonas* bacterium to equipment used to measure and administer donor breast milk. Geisinger said it has since switched to using single-use equipment. Hospital officials stressed the milk itself was not the source of the exposure.

"We have had no new cases of infants becoming ill from *pseudomonas* in the NICU since making this change," Dr. Edward Hartle, Geisinger's executive

vice president and chief medical officer, said in a statement.

Pseudomonas bacteria are common and often harmless but can pose a health risk in fragile patients.

Geisinger, which operates one of Pennsylvania's largest health networks, has been sending very premature newborns and some expectant mothers to other facilities while it investigated the outbreak. The hospital said it will continue doing so as it consults with state health officials on when it can resume normal operations.

"We would like to extend our sincere apologies to the families who have been affected by this incident. We know that the public holds us to the highest standards, and we will continue to strive to live up to those expectations as we have throughout our history, constantly improving on what we do and how we do it," Hartle said.

The parents of one of the newborns who died at Geisinger filed suit last month, alleging that hospital officials failed to protect their son from the lethal bacterial infection that had already killed two other premature babies.

Their attorney, Matt Casey — who also represents the family of the second baby who died in the bacterial outbreak — said his investigation has revealed earlier *Pseudomonas* infections in the Geisinger NICU, and at least one baby died. But he said he does not yet know whether those earlier infections were the result of a problem with the hospital's breast milk equipment.

"A key aspect is to determine whether this was an ongoing problem there. We now have additional work to determine whether these infection control procedures were deficient for a period of time longer than Geisinger's statement suggests," he said. □

UK election boosts hopes of pro-independence Scottish party

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The Scottish National Party launched its campaign for Britain's Dec. 12 election on Friday, urging Scots to send its lawmakers to London in order to bring Scotland a step closer to independence.

The party currently holds 35 of Scotland's 59 House of Commons seats, and hopes discontent about Brexit will boost that number.

In Britain's 2016 referendum on European Union membership, Scotland voted overwhelmingly to remain in the 28-nation bloc.

Polls suggest that has boosted support for independence, which Scottish voters rejected in a 2014 plebiscite.

SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon said "Scotland's vote to remain in the EU has been ignored" and that a vote for the SNP "is a vote to escape Brexit."

The party says it will try to hold a new independence referendum next year.

That would require the approval of the British government in London. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservatives say they will refuse to give permission.



Scottish National Party (SNP) leader Nicola Sturgeon speaks at the launch of the party's General Election campaign, in Edinburgh, Scotland, Friday Nov. 8, 2019.

But the SNP could emerge as kingmakers if the election results in a divided Parliament with no party holding an overall majority.

Sturgeon said a Parliament with no overall majority would be "the best outcome for Scotland, because it gives us significant influence and power."

Sturgeon said the party would not prop up a Conservative administration, but could help the main opposition Labour Party

hold power — as long as Labour agreed to support a new independence referendum for Scotland.

Johnson pushed for the December election — taking place more than two years early — in the hope of breaking Britain's political impasse over Brexit. He says that if voters give the Conservatives a majority he will "get Brexit done" and take the U.K. out of the EU by the current deadline of Jan. 31. Labour says it will negotiate

a new divorce deal with the EU and then let voters decide between leaving on those terms and remaining in the bloc. Both big parties are also promising more money for infrastructure, health care and public services, but their campaigns have been rattled by candidate resignations over contentious or offensive remarks.

On Thursday a prospective Conservative candidate quit the race amid con-

demnation of his 2014 comment that women should "keep your knickers on" to avoid being raped. Nick Conrad, a former BBC local radio host, said he was sorry for the "ill-judged" words.

Labour, meanwhile, is facing renewed allegations that it has become hostile to Jews under left-wing leader Jeremy Corbyn. On Thursday two former Labour lawmakers urged voters to back Johnson's Conservatives and accused Corbyn, a long-time supporter of the Palestinians, of allowing anti-Jewish racism to spread within the Labour Party. Corbyn denied the allegations, describing anti-Semitism "a poison and an evil in our society" and saying he was working to root it out.

On Friday Labour election candidate Gideon Bull withdrew from the election contest in the eastern England town of Clacton after he was accused of referring to someone as "Shylock," the fictional Jewish moneylender from Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice." Bull apologized.

"I did not know that Shylock was Jewish and I would never have mentioned Shylock if I had known this," he said. □

Boy whose mother joined IS in Syria returns to dad in Italy

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — An 11-year-old Albanian boy whose mother took him to Syria five years ago when she joined the Islamic State group returned on Friday to Italy for a joyous reunion with his father and sisters.

The boy, Alvin, wearing a red cap, smiled shyly as he was escorted by two policewomen at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport to an airport reception where his father, Afrim Berisha, and two older sisters took turns hugging him, long and tightly.

Red Cross and Red Crescent staff worked with Albanian and Italian government officials to facilitate his return from the crowded al-Hol detention camp in



In this photo released by the Italian Police, 11-year-old Alvin, an Albanian boy who was taken to Syria by his mother when she joined the Islamic State group and then, following her death, returned home to Italy where his father lives, arrives at Rome's Fiumicino airport Friday, Nov. 8, 2019.

northeastern Syria where he was living without his family.

The father, an Albanian, lives in northern Italy. The boy has an Albanian pass-

port and permission from Italian authorities to reside in Italy.

At an airport news conference after the reunion, officials said Alvin walks with a

limp due to a leg injury from a bombing in territory conquered by IS in northeast Syria that killed his mother, her new companion in Syria, a child from that new relationship and another child of the companion.

"All five of them were traveling together when they were surprised by a bombing," said Carabinieri Gen. Giuseppe Spina, from the paramilitary police force's International Cooperation Service. "Alvin is alive by miracle."

Carabinieri Col. Marco Rosi said the mother changed the boy's last name, "she tried to make him forget his past," including his family in Italy.

Alvin speaks Arabic and a few words of Albanian but forgot how to speak Italian,

police official Maria Jose Falcicchia told reporters.

"He was always smiling" as authorities accompanied him back from Syria, she said. He slept, his head on her shoulder, all the time as they traveled by car on one stretch of the journey, she said.

Police released a video and photos of the boy's arrival in Rome, but to protect the family's privacy, the boy and his father didn't attend the news conference. Alvin's plight captured the attention of Italy after a TV news show reported on his father's agonized efforts to bring him home. A crew from the program trekked to al-Hol with the father for a first, teary-eyed reunion with his son in the detention camp a few weeks ago. □



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Spain repeats election as Catalan crisis boosts far right

By ARITZ PARRA
Associated Press

MADRID (AP) — Spain is holding its fourth general election in as many years — and the second this year — amid voter distrust and a renewed Catalan independence bid that has bolstered the far right.

The first obstacle for whoever wins Sunday's vote will be to overcome the country's increasingly fragmented and polarized politics to build a parliamentary majority to back his government.

That could prove difficult. Pedro Sánchez's Socialists appear poised to again win the most seats in Parliament, but fewer even than they won in April, when Sánchez was unable to get the support of his left-wing rivals to keep his party in power.

Sánchez is up against five other men for the job as prime minister. In recent days, he has tried to lure undecided and centrist voters by saying he will focus his next term on economic issues and by toughening his stand on Catalan separatists.

His efforts come as support for the conservative Popular Party and the far-right Vox is growing following



In this photo taken on Friday, Nov. 1, 2019, a worker moves portraits of Spanish socialist candidate Pedro Sanchez ahead of a campaign rally in Pamplona.

massive protests in Catalonia last month, when nine leaders of its separatist movement were sentenced to prison for the wealthy's region attempt to break away two years ago. In trying to appeal to Spaniards frustrated by the secession attempt, Sánchez has promised to bring back prison terms for those who hold banned referendums for independence, overturning a previous Socialist position.

"I will not allow another ex-

treme nationalist outbreak, fueled by false narratives and replete with lies, to undermine the success of Spanish democracy," the 47-year-old leader wrote in a commentary published this week in several European newspapers. But political analyst Pablo Simón, a professor at Carlos III University, says the context of the election makes it even harder to win over voters.

"The public opinion is angry at the electoral repeat,

with record levels of discontent toward the political class and great pessimism over how the economy will perform next year," he said. Even if Sánchez succeeds in rallying support from the anti-austerity United We Can and its new splinter, More Country, a Socialist cabinet likely will need either the backing of small regional parties or for the right-wing opposition to abstain.

The eurozone's No. 4 economy has been functioning

without a stable government since mid-2018, when Sánchez ousted the graft-tainted conservatives in a parliamentary confidence vote. The center-left minority government then crumbled in less than a year after losing the parliamentary support of regionalist parties.

Sánchez's Socialists went from 85 to 123 seats in the late April election. But he needed support from an absolute majority, or 176 of 350 lawmakers, and a falling out with United We Can leader Pablo Iglesias left him without enough votes. The latest polls show both of those left-wing parties could lose ground.

The Popular Party, meanwhile, is recovering after losing more than half of its parliamentary representation in April, falling to 66 seats. Polls show the conservatives could win more seats in this election. But leader Pablo Casado's chances to form government are lower than Sánchez's, given that the party's natural ally, the center-right Citizens, isn't expected to do well.

The party benefiting most so far from the Catalan crisis has been Vox, with its mix of Spanish nationalism and populism. □

Torrential rain in England kills 1; floods streets

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A woman died after being swept away by surging waters as torrential rain drenched parts of north and central England, swelling rivers, forcing evacuations and disrupting travel for a second day Friday.

In the city of Sheffield, 140 miles (228 kms) north of London, the River Don overflowed after 3.4 inches (85 mm) of rain fell on

Thursday. About 30 people sought refuge in the Meadowhall shopping center after floodwaters stranded shoppers who had turned up to see Christmas lights switched on. "Some places have seen a month's worth of rain in one day," said meteorologist Alex Burkill of the Met Office weather service. Kathleen Overton from Toll Bar near Doncaster, another badly affected area, said the rain had

been "almost biblical."

"You were just looking out of your window in disbelief at how much of it was coming down," she said. "People's cars were getting submerged in the water, gardens were ruined, you couldn't drive anywhere. It was carnage." The Environment Agency said the highest rainfall on Thursday, 4.4 inches (112 mm), was registered in Swineshaw, in Derbyshire's Peak District. □



A young man feeds a child a bottle of milk as his father pulls an inflatable boat they have been using to rescue residents trapped by floodwater in Doncaster, northern England, Friday, Nov. 8, 2019.

Associated Press

Turkish patrol kills Syrian protester amid shaky truce

By **MEHMET GUZEL**

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Associated Press

IDIL, Turkey (AP) — A Syrian protester was killed after a Turkish military vehicle ran him over on Friday as it drove through an angry crowd protesting a joint Turkish-Russian patrol in northeastern Syria, Kurdish forces and a Syria war monitoring group said.

The fatal incident reflects the increasingly complicated political geography in northern Syria in the wake of U.S. decision to pull its troops away from the border and redeploy them further south. The decision earlier this month was followed by a Turkish invasion in northeastern Syria and a series of deals between Turkey and Russia, as well as between the Syrian government in Damascus and U.S. allies, the Kurdish-led forces.

The Turkish Defense ministry said Friday's joint patrol from the Syrian city of Qamishli city to the town of Derik "has been completed as planned with due care and attention to the safety of our personnel and the public against the provocateurs." It said the patrols were being supported by drones.

The Russia-Turkey deal endorsed a cease-fire after Turkey's invasion and establishment of a Turkey-administered stretch of land, about 120 kilometers



In this photo taken from the outskirts of the village of Alakamis, in Idil province, southeastern Turkey, a Turkish army vehicles is driven in Turkey after conducting a joint patrol with Russian forces in Syria, Friday, Nov. 8, 2019.

(75 miles) long inside Syria. The deal also arranged for joint Turkish-Russian patrols on the flanks of the Turkey-controlled area and for Syrian Kurdish fighters to withdraw from border areas, Ankara's key demand. Turkey considers Syria's dominant Kurdish group an extension of its own Kurdish insurgency.

Moscow said Russian helicopters flew aerial patrols over the area for the first time on Thursday. Separately, Russia negotiated an arrangement that would allow Syrian government troops to deploy along the border.

Meanwhile, U.S. troops

changed their focus to south of the border to secure oil bases, controlled by the Kurdish-led forces. The Turkish invasion and the shift of powers on the ground has been unsettling for residents of the area — many of whom are Kurds who have either fled the Turkish invasion or are feeling abandoned by U.S. troops. Nearly 200,000 have been displaced by the fighting, amid warnings of demographic change to the Kurdish-populated border areas.

The man killed Friday was among a group of residents who had chased and pelted the joint Russian-Tur-

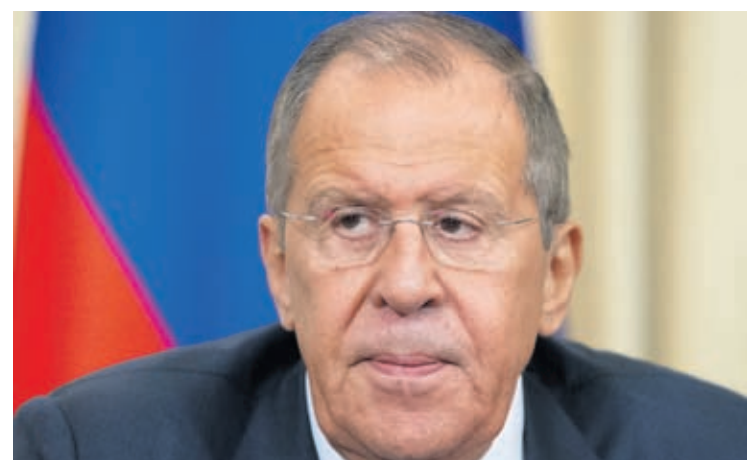
key convoy with shoes and stones, prompting Turkish troops to fire tear-gas to disperse the protesters. Ten people were hospitalized, according to the Rojava Information Center, an activist operated group in Kurdish-held areas. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitoring group, said the man was run over in the village of Sarmasakh near the border by a Turkish vehicle that was conducting a joint patrol with the Russians — the third under the cease-fire deal brokered by Moscow. Videos circulating online Friday show a group of men running after the Turk-

ish-Russian vehicles as they drove, throwing stones at them. A man is seen trying to mount one of the vehicles and then men can be heard shouting, apparently after the man is run over. Other videos from the area show men, women and children pelting armored vehicles as they drive near a cemetery before speeding away.

There was no immediate comment from the Russian military about the incident. Mutafa Bali, a spokesman for the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF, tweeted that Turkish troops fired tear gas on protesters in Derik, injuring 10 people. The town is controlled by SDF and American forces, but the Turkish troops were passing through on the patrol.

The agreement with Russia — and the separate one with the U.S. — halted the Turkish invasion of Syria last month but fighting on the edges of the area now controlled by Ankara continues. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan complained this week that Syrian Kurdish fighters were still present in areas along the border, despite the agreements. He also said Turkish troops were being attacked by some Syrian Kurdish fighters from areas they had retreated to, adding that Turkey would not "remain a spectator" to these assaults. □

Russian foreign minister lambasts US over arms control



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov speaks during a joint news conference with Greek Foreign Minister Nikos Dendias following their talks in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019.

Associated Press

By **VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV**
Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's foreign minister said Friday

that the world is becoming increasingly unstable because the U.S. doesn't want to abide by arms control regimes.

Speaking at a conference on disarmament in Moscow, Sergey Lavrov accused the U.S. of seeing arms control treaties as a constraint to its efforts to boost its military.

"In the past few years, strategic stability has degraded to a point that is unprecedented in modern history," he said.

"The U.S. has continuously moved toward destruction of the international arms

control system. It has become a drag for Washington, an undesirable restriction that limits the U.S. ability to expand its military potential around the world." Earlier this year, Russia and the U.S. both withdrew from the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty.

The U.S. said it pulled out because of Russian violations, a claim the Kremlin has denied.

Lavrov reaffirmed Russia's pledge not to deploy missiles banned by the treaty until the U.S. does so, and criticized NATO allies for

refusing to make a similar pledge. He also noted that the U.S. appears reluctant to extend the New START treaty, the last remaining arms control deal between Russia and the U.S., which expires in 2021.

"Its extension would prevent the total collapse of the arms control mechanism and would give time to study approaches to control new military technologies," Lavrov said. "Washington, however, has shunned serious talk and publicly sent negative signals about the treaty's prospects." □

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ONLINE****www.GroceriesToGoAruba.com****China hands Japanese politician life in prison in drug case****By YANAN WANG**
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — A court in southern China sentenced an elderly former Japanese politician to life in prison Friday for smuggling drugs in shoes packed inside a suitcase he was trying to take to his home country.

A man from Mali was sentenced to death with a two-year reprieve and a Guinean received a life sentence for packing and delivering the suitcase, according to the Guangzhou City First Intermediate Court.

Takuma Sakuragi, 76, pleaded not guilty and plans to appeal, said his Guangzhou-based lawyer, Chen Weixiong, who argued there was insufficient evidence to prove Sakuragi was knowingly carrying the drugs.

According to Chen, a Nigerian acquaintance asked Sakuragi to bring what appeared to be a suitcase full of women's platform shoes with him back to Japan. The acquaintance claimed the suitcase was intended for his wife, who works as



Chen Weixiong, center, lawyer of former Japanese politician Takuma Sakuragi, leaves the Guangzhou City First Intermediate Court, seen in the background, after a sentencing in Guangzhou, southern China Friday, Nov. 8, 2019.

a designer in Tokyo, Chen said, but in fact methamphetamine had been hidden in the heels of the shoes.

Sakuragi is a former city assemblyman from Aichi in central Japan. Chinese law exempts people over 75 from the death penalty, which is often imposed for

drug-related offenses.

He was detained in 2013 when about 3.3 kilograms (more than 6 pounds) of methamphetamine was found in his luggage, the court said. Sakuragi planned to go to Shanghai for a connecting flight back to Japan, it said.

The other two men sen-

tenced were identified by their Chinese names — Ali, a citizen of Mali, and Moxi from Guinea. Death sentences with two-year reprieves are almost always commuted to life in prison. The court said Ali and Moxi were responsible for packing and delivering the suitcase, and that police

seized 18.15 grams of methamphetamine at their residence.

Chen said Ali was spotted on a surveillance camera packing the suitcase, while Moxi's fingerprints were found inside the bag.

The court said the three defendants violated Chinese customs regulations by knowingly trying to smuggle drugs out of the country. It added, however, that they were given relatively light sentences because Sakuragi had not yet gone through customs with the drugs at the time of his arrest. Under Chinese law, Sakuragi will be eligible for parole after serving a minimum of 15 years. His fate could be affected by developments in China-Japan relations, which have been relatively stable in recent years. Many Chinese remain deeply bitter over Japan's brutal occupation of parts of the country in the 1930s and 1940s and the two countries have an ongoing dispute over ownership of a group of tiny uninhabited islands in the East China Sea. □

India's court set to deliver verdict on temple dispute**Associated Press**

NEW DELHI (AP) — India's top court on Saturday will pronounce its verdict in a decades-old land title dispute between Muslims and Hindus over plans to build a Hindu temple on a site in northern India where Hindu hard-liners demolished a 16th century mosque in 1992, sparking deadly religious riots. The five judges will announce the verdict, ending decades of uncertainty on the issue. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a series of tweets appealed for peace

ahead of the verdict.

Earlier, he had cautioned his council of ministers from making unnecessary statements on the issue which could stoke public sentiments.

Appeals for peace have also come from Hindu and Muslim organizations and various political leaders ahead of the verdict. India's home ministry has asked all states to be on alert.

Authorities increased the security in Ayodhya, 550 kilometers (350 miles) east of New Delhi, and deployed more than 5,000 paramili-

tary forces to prevent any attacks by Hindu activists on Muslims, who comprise 6% of the town's more than 55,500 people.

Earlier, authorities had banned the assembly of more than four people at one place in and around Ayodhya, a town in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

The Uttar Pradesh government has ordered all the schools and colleges to remain closed until Monday. The destruction of the mosque in 1992 sparked massive Hindu-Muslim violence that left 2,000 people



In this Oct. 29, 1990, file photo, Indian security officer guards the Babri Mosque in Ayodhya, closing off the disputed site claimed by Muslims and Hindus.

dead. Hindu hard-liners say they want to build a new temple to Hindu god Ram on the site, which they revere

as his birthplace. They say the mosque was built after a temple dedicated to the Hindu god was destroyed by Muslim invaders. □

Venezuelans charting escape selling off past at flea markets

By CAMILLE RODRÍGUEZ MONTILLA

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Having decided it's time to abandon her crisis-torn homeland, Yenika Calderon spreads out her worldly possessions in the middle of a flea market in Venezuela's capital, hoping to pocket enough money to give her young family a fresh start far away in Spain. Millions of Venezuelans have already left on similar journeys in recent years, and many of those planning to follow are putting their hopes in street-side markets that are popping up across Caracas.

Calderon, 41, has trekked to one of the markets every Sunday in recent weeks, haggling with customers over prices for her favorite handbags and her son's baby clothes. Inside, she chokes back emotions, forcing herself to focus instead on what a fresh start will do for her 10-month-old son, Gael, diagnosed with Down syndrome.

"There are no options for him here," Calderon said. "I want to be able to go to the supermarket and get the best milk for my son. Here, I can't."

Some of the secondhand street markets pop up on Sundays or get organized through social media. Sellers bank on peddling personal items like clothes and household items to finance a new life abroad.



In this Nov. 3, 2019 photo, Yenika Calderon, left, watches customers look through her personal belongings at a secondhand market, in Caracas, Venezuela.

The biggest one is Garage del Sol, where hundreds of shoppers are drawn each Sunday looking for items at bargain prices. Loud music and food stands welcome customers all afternoon.

An estimated 4.5 million people have fled Venezuela since 2015, escaping hyperinflation, failing services, a lack of security and political division in a country that was once among the richest in Latin America because of its vast oil reserves. Officials say Venezuela's exodus could soon surpass the 5.6 million who have left conflict-ravaged Syria since 2011.

Most Venezuelans go to nearby countries in Latin

America and the Caribbean, according to the United Nations. Colombia hosts the greatest number, an estimated 1.4 million, while hundreds of thousands more have fled to Peru, Chile, Ecuador and Brazil. Calderon said it wasn't an easy decision to sell off her belongings and uproot her family. Until recently, she had gotten by on meager profits from her small business selling Venezuelan-made clothes in a mall and at a popular outdoor market. But as textile workers joined in the exodus, she had to turn to importing clothes. It was a losing fight. With inflation continuing to sizzle amid the economy's

collapse, her sales dropped to the point that she had to close her shops.

"Everything has vanished into thin air," she said.

On a good day she nets up to \$50 at the flea market, but Calderon declined to say how much she has saved up, though she conceded it isn't enough yet to pay for her family's planned move to Spain early next year, following relatives.

At a similar street market on the other side of the city, Fatima De Asençao, a teacher and mother of two, sold her children's car seats, a chocolate fountain and old toys.

"We're getting rid of the things that we can't take

with us and saving money to afford the trip" said De Asençao, who also plans to head to Spain with her family. Leticia Guerra, who runs the outdoor market, said there are items for every budget. She said even foreign ambassadors visit the market, not only because of the prices but also for the picturesque ambience. The market started about three years ago, but sales started booming after a mammoth blackout in March left most of Venezuela without power or communications for several days. People can rent a stall for the equivalent of less than \$4 a day. Guerra said people come from all over Caracas and nearby towns to buy and sell. Francisco Zerpa for the past 20 years ran a small shop in Caracas selling new household goods such as refrigerators, mixers and kitchen utensils. Amid Venezuela's crisis, he converted it to a consignment shop selling valuable items for people getting ready to migrate. Zerpa said his friends ridiculed him for converting his business, saying he wouldn't be able to compete with big shops selling new items. But he proved them wrong, Zerpa said, noting that the crisis has shuttered many of those big stores. His business has taken off because of the misfortunes of those migrating but also because those who stay can't afford to buy new items. □

Mexico prison raid leads to chaos in border city

By CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP)

— As 850 Mexican local, state and federal security personnel prepared to raid a massive state prison near the U.S. border, criminals inside orchestrated a wave of chaos outside the prison walls in Ciudad Juarez.

Ten people were murdered in various incidents around the city Tuesday night and early Wednesday as criminals tried to create a diversion or pressure authorities to stop the raid, authorities said.

"At least eight of these murders were tied to the diversion issue," said Chihuahua state prosecutor Jorge Nava.

Four men who were arrested in the violence said they were paid in methamphetamine to wreak havoc, Nava said in a news conference Wednesday. They burned 10 buses, including one transporting assembly plant workers, and five private vehicles.

Some of the workers suffered burns trying to escape the bus.

Nava called it a "Machia-

vellian plan to be able to get authorities to stop the operation."

Juarez Mayor Armando Cabada Alvidrez said prisoners likely became aware that a raid was coming because two plane loads of federal police had arrived in Juarez.

The state prison in Juarez is overcrowded, holding more than 3,000 prisoners. It suffers from too few guards, poor hygiene and widespread criminal activity, according to this year's report from Mexico's National Human Rights Commission.

On Thursday, Mexican security forces continued working inside the prison, but had not yet reported what they found.

Authorities did not provide details on the murders. But the violence set off in reaction to the government operation was reminiscent of Oct. 17 shootouts in Culiacan that resulted in the release of a son of jailed drug lord Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán.

In that case, soldiers had Ovidio Guzmán López on his knees outside the home, but his brother refused to

call off attacks around the city that left 13 dead. Security forces eventually let Guzmán go to avoid more bloodshed.

Experts had feared backing down in that situation would become a precedent and spur other groups to use similar tactics.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador has been adamant in refusing to be drawn into a war against Mexico's organized crime groups. The number of high-profile shootouts and killings, however, is mounting. □

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Richardson together with representatives of the Riu Palace Aruba presented the certificates to the honorees, handed over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □





ORANJESTAD — Fitness Guru Marilyn Pick Reinvents Herself as a Grocery Entrepreneur for Aruba's Tourists. Marilyn Pick says she and her family find it tremendously "exciting and rewarding to create something that people enjoy and appreciate." Around the Baltimore metropolitan area, Marilyn Pick has built a reputation for fitness and fashion. But on the Dutch Caribbean island of Aruba, she's best known for groceries.

Perpetually clad in red and black, Pick has taught countless cardio, step, strength training, body sculpting and Zumba classes, and was voted "Best of Baltimore" by Baltimore magazine. As an instructor

and former business owner/group fitness director, she served on the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, offered exercise tips on TV and led warm-ups at numerous charity races.

That boundless energy recently propelled her into a new business venture. In addition to teaching total body workouts, Pick serves as marketing director of GroceriesToGo Aruba, the island's first full-service online grocery delivery business. She co-founded the enterprise with her son, Jared, and husband, Karl, who grew up in Aruba and maintains dual citizenship. During a New Year's Eve dinner on the island four years ago, the Picks conceived the idea of forming

an online grocery delivery business to help Arubans and vacationers alike.

Karl Pick, an orthodontist and University of Maryland School of Dentistry professor, oversaw the process of applying for the required business licenses. Jared Pick, a University of Michigan graduate with an MBA, did extensive research and planning before developing a customized website, converting prices from Dutch florins to dollars to make it easy for American vacationers.

When the business was operational a year later, they teamed up with Aruba's largest supermarket, Ling and Sons IGA Super Center in Oranjestad, to become their exclusive delivery partner. Groceries-

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Marilyn Pick says marketing was a major part of building her fitness business, so it's a natural transition for her to promote GroceriesToGo Aruba since she believes it is a beneficial service for so many people. Vacationers can arrive on the island and relax at the beach while GroceriesToGoAruba shops for all their groceries and delivers everything right to where they are staying.

"I like to visit timeshares and hotels, educating the concierges on how we can assist their guests by our

shopping for their groceries so they don't have to take time away from their vacation to shop and stand in line in a grocery store. GroceriesToGo Aruba now delivers to every hotel on the island of more than 104,000 inhabitants, as well as to timeshares, Airbnbs, villas, beach houses, homes, businesses, boats and yachts.

Islanders who are too busy to shop applaud the service, as do vacationers who like arriving at their destination with groceries waiting for them. "We brought four generations to Aruba and didn't have to leave the family to go grocery shopping," says Jennifer Goldmeier, vacationing in Aruba. "It is a great service, and we wouldn't do it any other way!"

Dr. Joanne Rief concurs. "GroceriesToGo Aruba makes it so easy to have our groceries delivered right to us when we arrive," she says. "I can't wait to use this service again on my next trip to Aruba."

Pick says she finds it tremendously "exciting and rewarding to create something that people enjoy and appreciate." She also loves being part of a family business. "We work well together, share ideas and collaborate in the decision-making."

For information, visit www.GroceriesToGoAruba.com. □



Bubali Magic

This beautiful close-up image of the pink bird is courtesy of Michiel Oversteegen of the Aruba Birdlife Conservation. This important foundation showcases and builds awareness of Aruba's birds and other native flora and fauna.

You may have seen a 'pink cloud' lately at the Bubali or Spanish Lagoon Wetlands areas? It's most likely to be Roseate Spoonbills (*Ajaia ajaja*) or 'Chucharon Cora' as they are known in Papiamentu. This unusual looking bird forages in shallow muddy water while sweeping its flattened bill from side to side to catch small fish, crustaceans and other aquatic invertebrates. The Roseate Spoonbill remains an uncommon sight as they are vulnerable to degradation of feeding and nesting habitats (Wetlands). (Source: arikok national park) □

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Zr. Ms Pelican for major maintenance to the Netherlands

SAVANETA — After having operated in the Caribbean Sea for 13 years, the support ship Zr. Ms Pelican left for the Netherlands last Monday. For the first time since it was put into service in 2006, the ship is undergoing major maintenance, the so-called midlife update.

The Pelikaan provides various support tasks under the command of "Commandant Zeemacht in het Caribisch gebied" (CZMCARIB). In addition to the many exercises and transport tasks, the Pelican has also been deployed several times for emergency aid. Most recently the deployment after the passage of the hurricanes Irma and Maria on the Dutch windward islands and at Dominica.

At present, the Pelican is halfway through its planned operational life. This is the reason to carry

out major maintenance and to replace various systems and to make it even better suited to the tasks assigned to it. This main-

tenance will be carried out by "Damen shipyards" with support from the "Defense Material Organization" and "Defense Material

Maintenance". Because of the size of the project and the parties involved, it was therefore decided to carry out this maintenance in the

Netherlands where all parties are located.

The ship will return in the course of next year. □



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Corruption Survey

ORANJESTAD — The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) announces that during the period of November 8 through November 29, 2019, the CBA will conduct a "Corruption Survey". The aim is to acquire valuable information on the experience and perception of Aruban residents with regard to corruption.

Since Aruba is not part of international surveys related to the topic of corruption, the CBA decided to conduct a "Corruption Survey" for the first time in 2018. This survey is based largely on the same methodology and questions applied by Transparency International and also some questions related to Aruba's own situation. The survey includes, among others, questions about the level of corruption, the experience with corruption when using services particularly in the public sector, the experience when reporting corruption, and the need for additional anti-corruption measures.

To assist the CBA in gathering this important information, a group of interviewers will visit selected households and conduct the interviews on behalf of the CBA. These interviewers will identify themselves by wearing an I.D. badge with CBA logo. The interviewers have the obligation to keep all the information they receive during the survey strictly confidential.

The CBA is aware that this information is sensitive and, therefore, stresses that this survey



is strictly anonymous and guarantees that all information received will be treated with the utmost confidence and will be only used on an aggregated basis for statistical and analytical purposes. The CBA trusts that all persons approached by these interviewers to participate in this survey will give their maximum

cooperation.

If you have any question about this survey, please contact Mrs. Ghislaine Paalman, Statistics Department of the CBA at telephone number 5252100 or via e-mail: g.d.paalman@cbaruba.org.

SPORTS



The MLS Cup trophy is displayed Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019, in Seattle. The Seattle Sounders will face Toronto FC on Sunday in the MLS Cup soccer match at CenturyLink Field in Seattle, the third time the two teams have met for the MLS championship.

Associated Press

MLS Cup Final preview capsule

By The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — A look at Sunday's MLS Cup final between Toronto FC and the Seattle Sounders:

WHERE: CenturyLink Field.

WHEN: 3 p.m. EST.

ATTENDANCE: Game is a sellout, with more than 69,000 expected.

REFEREE: Allen Chapman. He was also in charge of the 2017 final in Toronto.

ALL-TIME MEETINGS: The Sounders have a 9-3-2 edge in the regular-season series (including 5-2-1 in Seattle). The teams have split their two championship games. Seattle won in 2016 in a penalty shootout after a 0-0 tie and Toronto won the 2017 final 2-0. Both were in Toronto.

THIS SEASON: Seattle (16-10-8) finished second in the Western Conference. Toronto (13-10-11) was fourth in the Eastern Conference. The Sounders won 3-2 when the teams met in April in Seattle.

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FREE OF CHARGE

Raiders rally to beat Chargers 26-24

Oakland Raiders free safety Erik Harris (25) celebrates with Karl Joseph after scoring on an interception return against the Los Angeles Chargers during the first half of an NFL football game in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019.

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Penguins rally to end Islanders' 10-game winning streak

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Bryan Rust scored his second goal of the game in overtime and the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied past the Islanders 4-3 on Thursday night to end New York's 10-game winning streak.

Rust took the puck from Islanders center Brock Nelson behind the net and beat goalie Semyon Varlamov on a wraparound 3:25 into the extra session. Rust extended his points streak to five games.

Pittsburgh erased a three-goal deficit in the third period and ended a three-game skid. Jared McCann had a goal and two assists, Evgeni Malkin also scored, and Matt Murray made 20 saves.

Casey Cizikas, Cal Clutterbuck and Adam Pelech scored for New York. Varlamov made 35 saves.

AVALANCHE 9, PREDATORS 4

DENVER (AP) — Joonas Donskoi scored his first career hat trick and Colorado used a six-goal second period to rout Nashville.

Nathan MacKinnon had a goal and three assists before sitting out the third with an upper-body injury. Cale Makar and Ryan Graves each added a goal and two assists, and Matt Nieto, Matt Calvert Andre Burakovsky also scored.

Ryan Ellis, Filip Forsberg, Matt Duchene and Craig Smith scored for Nashville.

CAPITALS 5, PANTHERS 4, OT SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Tom Wilson scored twice, the second 17 seconds into overtime to lift Washington past Florida for its fifth consecutive victory.

Alex Ovechkin also scored twice and added an assist, John Carlson had a goal and Braden Holtby stopped 32 shots. The Capitals have won nine of 10 and are 8-1-1 on the road this season.

Aleksander Barkov, Evgenii Dadonov, Brett Connolly and Frank Vatrano scored for Florida.

FLYERS 3, CANADIENS 2, OT PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sean Couturier flipped a shot from the slot that trickled past a surprised Carey



Pittsburgh Penguins right wing Bryan Rust (17) scores a goal past New York Islanders goaltender Semyon Varlamov (40) in overtime of an NHL hockey game, Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019, in New York. The Penguins won 4-3.

Price just 55 seconds into overtime to lift Philadelphia past Montreal.

Phil Myers and James van Riemsdyk also scored, and Carter Hart stopped 22 shots.

Ben Chiarot and Shea Weber scored for Montreal. Price made 40 saves and was the first star of the game in a losing effort.

MAPLE LEAFS 2, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 1, OT

TORONTO (AP) — John Tavares scored at 2:33 of overtime to push Toronto past Vegas.

Playing his second game after missing seven with a broken finger, Tavares took a pass from Mitch Marner on a 2-on-1 and scored his fourth goal of the season, beating goalie Malcolm Subban with a high shot.

Auston Matthews also scored and Frederik Andersen made 37 saves to help Toronto win its third straight game. Max Pacioretty scored for Vegas. Subban made 35 saves in his first NHL start in his hometown.

SENATORS 3, KINGS 2, OT OTTAWA, Ontario (AP)

— Jean-Gabriel Pageau scored 3:12 into overtime in Ottawa's victory over Los Angeles.

After Tyler Toffoli tied it for Los Angeles with 8 seconds left in regulation, Pageau scored off his own rebound for his team-leading sev-

enth goal of the season.

Anthony Duclair and Artem Anisimov also scored for Ottawa, and Anders Nilsson made 30 saves. Dustin Brown also scored for the Kings, and Jack Campbell made 25 saves.

BLUE JACKETS 3, COYOTES 2 GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP)

— Gustav Nyquist had a goal and two assists, Joonas Korpisalo stopped 31 shots and Columbus beat Arizona to end a five-game losing streak.

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Emil Bemstrom got his first NHL goal and Oliver Bjorkstrand scored midway through the third period after a bouncing puck skipped past Arizona defenseman Kyle Capobianco's stick.

Carl Soderberg and Jakob Chychrun scored for the Coyotes.

FLAMES 5, DEVILS 2

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Noah Hanifin had a goal and two assists and Calgary scored four times in

the second period to beat New Jersey. Hanifin completed his first three-point game with Calgary and the fourth of his career.

Derek Ryan, Mikael Backlund, Sean Monahan and Johnny Gaudreau also scored, and David Rittich made 21 saves. Jack Hughes and Nikita Gusev scored for New Jersey.

RANGERS 4, HURRICANES 2

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Pavel Buchnevich had a goal and an assist and Henrik Lundqvist made a season-high 45 saves in New York's victory over Carolina.

Artemi Panarin, Brendan Lemieux and Adam Fox also scored for the Rangers. Dougie Hamilton and Sebastian Aho scored for Carolina. The Hurricanes had a 47-18 shots advantage, including 22-6 in the first period.

BLACKHAWKS 5, CANUCKS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Patrick Kane had a power-play goal and two assists and Corey Crawford made 36 saves in Chicago's victory over Vancouver.

Alex DeBrincat and Andrew Shaw scored in the first period and David Kampf and Brandon Saad added empty-netters. J.T. Miller and Jake Virtanen scored for the Canucks. □

Nurmagomedov says McGregor needs 10 fights for rematch



Conor McGregor leaves Dublin District Court in Dublin, Friday, Nov. 1, 2019. McGregor has been fined \$1,120 for assaulting a man in a pub.

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Khabib Nurmagomedov said Friday that Conor McGregor would need to win 10

straight fights to earn a rematch for his UFC title.

McGregor hasn't fought since Nurmagomedov

beat him by submission for the UFC lightweight title in October last year.

"As for a rematch, to fight for a belt in the UFC, I remember I had something like nine or 10 fights. If he wins 10 fights in a row, then that's completely possible," Nurmagomedov said.

Nurmagomedov adds he's in negotiations to fight Tony Ferguson next, but wants it in New York rather than the UFC's preferred venue of Las Vegas.

That's because he disagrees with the Nevada State Athletic Commission's decision to fine and suspend him for a post-fight brawl after his bout with McGregor. □

Richard Sherman on the other side of meaningful rivalry game

By **ROB MAADDI**
AP Pro Football Writer

The last time the San Francisco 49ers had a winning record for a home game in November, Colin Kaepernick was their quarterback and Russell Wilson and Richard Sherman ate turkey legs at midfield to celebrate a victory for Seattle. That won't happen Monday night when the unbeaten 49ers (8-0) host the Seahawks (7-2) in the biggest game in this rivalry since Thanksgiving 2014. The 49ers lost to the Seahawks 19-3 that night to fall to 7-5. They finished 8-8 that year and hadn't won more than six games until this season.

Sherman is on their side now, playing a huge role for the NFL's top-ranked defense. The three-time All-Pro cornerback is part of a secondary that's No. 1 against the pass. San Francisco has allowed the fewest yards per game (241) and second-fewest points (12.1). But the Niners will be without linebacker Kwon Alexander.

Jimmy Garoppolo has played well and could have three starters joining him in the starting lineup. Bookend tackles Joe Staley and Mike McGlinchey and fullback Kyle Juszczyk are expected back from injuries, bolstering the league's second-ranked rushing attack.

They'll face a defense that has struggled. Seattle ranks 22nd in points allowed, 25th in yards allowed and 25th in sacks. Jadeveon Clowney only has two sacks, though he faces double teams quite often.

But the X-factor for the Seahawks is Wilson. He's playing at an MVP level. Wilson has 22 TD passes, only one pick and leads the league with a passer rating of 118.2.

Week 10 began Thursday night with the Oakland Raiders' 26-24 home victory over the Los Angeles Chargers.

Josh Jacobs scored on an 18-yard run with 1:02 remaining to give Oakland the lead. Derek Carr led the Raiders (5-4) down the



Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald (11) greets San Francisco 49ers cornerback Richard Sherman (25) after an NFL football game, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2019, in Glendale, Ariz. The 49ers won 28-25.

field methodically 75 yards after Philip Rivers threw a 6-yard pass to Austin Ekeler that gave the Chargers (4-6) a 24-20 lead with 4:02 remaining.

New England (8-1), Houston (6-3), Philadelphia (5-4), Jacksonville (4-5), Denver (3-6) and Washington (1-8) have a bye this week.

DETROIT (3-4-1) AT CHICAGO (3-5)

The battle for last place in the NFC North features a pair of teams that combined for one win in October. The Lions have lost four of five after a 2-0-1 start. Their only win in that span came against the Giants two weeks ago. The Bears have lost four in a row following a 3-1 start.

Detroit has the third-ranked passing offense in the NFL. Matthew Stafford is second in the league in touchdown passes (19) and fifth in passer rating (106.0). On the opposite side, Mitchell Trubisky and the Bears have the third-worst passing offense, averaging 186.3 yards per game. But the Lions have the third-worst pass defense, giving up 295.3 yards per game through the air.

BALTIMORE (6-2) AT CINCINNATI (0-8)

Bengals quarterback Ryan Finley makes his first NFL start, replacing Andy Dalton. Finley won't have seven-time Pro Bowl wide

receiver A.J. Green back from ankle surgery. Green has missed the first eight games. The rookie will face the first-place Ravens behind a poor offensive line facing a blitzing defense.

The Ravens are coming off a convincing 37-20 victory over the previously unbeaten Patriots. Their defense held Tom Brady in check and Lamar Jackson threw for a TD and ran for two more. Jackson had 153 yards rushing in Baltimore's 23-17 win over the Bengals last month.

BUFFALO (6-2) AT CLEVELAND (2-6)

The Bills are off to their best start in 26 years, feasting off losing teams. Their wins have come against clubs that are 9-43 combined while both losses were to teams currently with winning records.

They'll face the Browns, who've proved to be overhyped entering the season. Baker Mayfield, Odell Beckham Jr. and Co. were a fashionable pick to win the AFC North, but these are the same old Browns. They appear to have deeper issues beyond poor performance on the field.

Buffalo has the league's third-ranked defense, led by sack leader Jordan Phillips and a strong secondary, and quarterback Josh Allen already has 12 rushing

TDs in his first 20 games.

ATLANTA (1-7) AT NEW ORLEANS (7-1)

Both teams are coming off a bye heading in opposite directions. Drew Brees returned after missing five games and picked up where he left off, throwing for 373 yards and three TDs against Arizona.

Not much has gone right for the Falcons, but they do have the league's top-ranked passing offense. Matt Ryan is expected to return from an ankle injury that sidelined him one game. Coach Dan Quinn's defense has struggled since he took over coordinator duties, but he made a coaching switch during the week off, shifting receivers coach Raheem Morris to the secondary. Atlanta has allowed the third-most points per game (31.3).

NEW YORK GIANTS (2-7) AT NEW YORK JETS (1-7)

North Jersey bragging rights are on the line when the Giants switch locker rooms at their home stadium to be the "road" team against the Jets. Things are only slightly better for the Giants, who briefly enjoyed success after rookie Daniel Jones replaced Eli Manning. But they've lost five in a row.

The Jets are a mess under first-year coach Adam Gase, who is already on

the hot seat. Sam Darnold has taken a step backward from his rookie season and two-time All-Pro Le'Veon Bell hasn't run for more than 70 yards in his first eight games with his new team. The real loser in this game might be the team that hurts its draft positioning by winning.

ARIZONA (3-5-1) AT TAMPA BAY (2-6)

Rookie quarterback Kyler Murray has helped the Cardinals look promising, though it hasn't translated into many wins. Murray hasn't thrown an interception in five games and has been a dual-threat passing and running. Kenyan Drake ran for a team-high 110 yards and caught four passes for 52 yards in his debut with the Cardinals last week, though David Johnson could return for this game.

The Buccaneers have had trouble finishing games. They took leads into the fourth quarter of three of their six losses, including a 40-34 overtime loss at Seattle last Sunday. Jameis Winston bounced back from two poor games to post his fifth performance with a passer rating in the 100s this season.

KANSAS CITY (6-3) AT TENNESSEE (4-5)

Patrick Mahomes might return under center after dislocating his kneecap on Oct. 17. The Chiefs are 2-1 with Matt Moore, including the game he finished when Mahomes got hurt. Kansas City needs to stay close to the Patriots (8-1) going into their Week 14 matchup to have a chance at home-field advantage.

The Titans are 2-1 since Ryan Tannehill replaced Marcus Mariota, but they were sloppy in a loss to Carolina last week. They also lost cornerback Malcolm Butler to a wrist injury.

Tennessee will have to rely on Derrick Henry's running to keep Mahomes off the field and limit Kansas City's offense. The Chiefs have the fourth-worst run defense in the league and allowed 161.7 yards per game on the ground in their three losses. □

Rivers' 3 INTs send Chargers to 26-24 loss to Raiders

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) —

Derek Carr engineered another late winning drive. Karl Joseph delivered the sealing defensive play.

It may not have come easy, but the Oakland Raiders managed to pull out another dramatic victory that has put them squarely in the AFC playoff race.

Josh Jacobs scored on an 18-yard run with 1:02 remaining and the Raiders pulled out their second thriller in five days, beating the Los Angeles Chargers 26-24 on Thursday night.

"We just found a way to win. That says so much about our team," Carr said. "Some nights are just tougher than others. This was just one of those nights that was just tougher. You see our team with the resilience. No one cared, No one flinched.

It was a repeat performance from Sunday when Carr's late TD pass to Hunter Renfrow and Joseph's pass breakup in the end zone delivered a 31-24 win over Detroit. This time the late-game heroics came after Philip Rivers threw a 6-yard pass to Austin Ekeler that gave the Chargers (4-6) a 24-20 lead with 4:02 remaining.

Carr completed three passes to Jalen Richard and two to Hunter Renfrow to start the game-winning 75-yard drive before Jacobs finished it off with his seventh touchdown of his rookie season, running through a big hole created by center Rodney Hudson and guard



Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers (17) is sacked by Oakland Raiders defensive end Clelin Ferrell during the second half of an NFL football game in Oakland, Calif., Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019.

Richie Incognito. "As soon as I saw it, I was just thinking, 'Go!'" he said. "I knew this would either be a big run or a first down and luckily it was a big run."

Daniel Carlson missed the extra point, putting more pressure on the tired Raiders defense to stop Rivers. Trayvon Mullen was called for holding on a fourth-down pass to extend the drive, but Joseph then intercepted a fourth-down pass from Rivers to seal it.

"That says a lot about our team," coach Jon Gruden said. "We have a lot of resilient guys. We compete. You may beat us. But we'll be a hard out to get. We'll battle."

Rivers threw interceptions on his first two drives, fall-

ing into a 10-0 hole when Erik Harris took the second back 56 yards for a TD. But Rivers responded by throwing two TD passes, including the go-ahead score to Ekeler in his final start at the Coliseum. But he fell short at the end.

"You give a team 10 points at their place and then you have the ball with a chance to win at the end and you have eight snaps and go nowhere, it's going to be tough to win," Rivers said.

The Raiders blew a chance to open up the game in the third quarter, settling for a field goal after driving to the 4 on the opening drive and then missing a 53-yard field goal in the next drive after DeAndre Washington

got stuffed for no gain on third-and-1. The Chargers settled for a field goal after getting inside the 10 later in the quarter.

Melvin Gordon had 22 carries for 108 yards and a TD that put the Chargers up 14-10 in the second quarter. The Raiders responded with their first sustained drive of the game and took a 17-14 lead at the half on Carr's 9-yard pass to rookie fullback Alec Ingold with 20 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

PICK IT

Harris intercepted Rivers' passes on the first two drives of the game. He returned the first one 59 yards to the 31, setting up a field goal by Daniel Carlson. Harris then took the sec-

ond one back 56 yards for a TD, giving the Raiders a 10-0 lead. Harris became the first Raiders player since Phillip Buchanon in 2003 to have two interceptions, including a pick-6 in a single game.

ROOKIE BREAKTHROUGH

Raiders rookie pass rushers Clelin Ferrell and Maxx Crosby had big performances. Ferrell had 2 ½ sacks after recording none since the season opener for the most by a Raiders rookie in 28 years and also had five pressures, according to NextGen stats.

"That was a signature game for him," Gruden said. "That was great for him to get some sacks and maybe some of the people who are counting sacks out there will acknowledge those."

Crosby had 10 pressures, including two on interceptions, and also added a half-sack.

INJURIES

Chargers: LT Russell Okung left in the first quarter with a groin injury and didn't return. ... DE Melvin Ingram went down with a shoulder injury in the closing seconds of the second quarter but returned for the second half.

Raiders: Joseph hurt his right knee on the interception and was on crutches after the game. ... DB Lamar Marcus Joyner also got hurt on the final drive.

UP NEXT

Chargers: Face Kansas City on Nov. 18 in Mexico City. Raiders: Host Cincinnati on Nov. 17. □

Maggert leads, Langer making bid for season title

PHOENIX (AP) — Jeff Maggert shot a 6-under 65 on Friday to increase his lead to four strokes in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, with Bernhard Langer second in a bid for his record sixth PGA Tour Champions season points title.

Maggert birdied three of the first four holes in a front-nine 31 and capped the bogey-free round with a birdie on the par-4 17th in perfect conditions at Phoenix Country Club. He had a 14-under 128 total.

"A good start again. I hit the ball very well on the front nine," Maggert said. "Not so much on the back nine, but had a lot of good par saves. Didn't leave myself with a lot of pressure putts today. I made a nice 10-footer for par on, I think, No. 11. Other than that, my up-and-downs, I was chipping it pretty close. And got lucky on 17 and holed a bunker shot."

The 55-year-old Texan entered the season-ending event 31st in the Charles

Schwab Cup standings, just three spots from failing to qualify. He won three times on the PGA Tour and has five senior victories, one in 2014 and four in 2015.

"I haven't played well this year and I wanted to finish the year off on a good note," Maggert said. "But we're only halfway done. I need to play a lot more good golf over the next two days. ... Looking forward to just keeping the foot on the gas pedal and trying to make birdies over the

weekend." Langer closed with a double bogey after hitting into the water on the par-5 18th. Coming off a playoff loss to Colin Montgomerie on Sunday in California, Langer is third in the standings behind Scott McCarron and Jerry Kelly.

"I hit my bunker shot fat," Langer said. "I was hoping to get a lot closer with the sand wedge. And I was caught between a 9-iron and a wedge, and used the 9-iron and pushed it." To take the season title,

the 62-year-old German star needs to win the event and have McCarron finish in a two-way tie for fifth or worse and Kelly finish in a two-way tie for second or worse. McCarron (71) and Kelly (74) were tied for 25th at 2 under.

"I'm putting well, which is key," Langer said. "I'm not quite totally happy with my ball-striking, but if I get my ball-striking sorted out, I feel I can really put a charge on, because my short game is good." □

Walker returns to Charlotte to help Celtics beat Hornets

By The Associated Press
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kemba Walker had an emotional return to Charlotte, Jayson Tatum scored 23 points and the Boston Celtics beat the Hornets 108-87 on Thursday night. Walker had an off-night shooting and finished with 14 points and six assists, but the Celtics won their sixth straight game handily. Walker missed his first six shots. Walker received a rousing minute standing ovation after the Hornets showed a highlight tribute on the videoboard that left the point guard in tears. The three-time All-Star played eight NBA seasons in Charlotte and is the franchise's scoring leader. He signed with the Celtics this past offseason after Hornets owner Michael Jordan elected not to pay Walker a five-year, \$221 million supermax contract. Gordon Hayward added

20 points and 10 rebounds, and the Celtics scored 17 points off 21 Charlotte turnovers. Miles Bridges had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Hornets.

CLIPPERS 107, TRAIL BLAZERS 101

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lou Williams made a go-ahead jumper with 58 seconds left, then added a 3-pointer and finished with 26 points to lift Los Angeles over Portland for coach Doc Rivers' 900th career victory.

Kawhi Leonard had 27 points, 13 rebounds and six turnovers after missing a nationally televised loss to Milwaukee the previous night as part of load management for his knee.

Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum led Portland with 22 points apiece, but both got blanked in the fourth quarter of the Trail Blazers' third straight loss. That's when Anfernee Simons scored 16 of his 17 points, including



Charlotte Hornets' Terry Rozier (3) tries to get off a shot between Boston Celtics' Daniel Theis (27) and Kemba Walker (8) during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Charlotte, N.C., Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019. The Celtics won 108-87.

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Portland's first 12. Leonard sealed the win with four straight free throws as fans chanted "MVP! MVP!" The Clippers rallied from eight points down early in the fourth, taking their first lead on Leonard's basket. Rivers became the 13th coach in NBA history to reach 900 wins.

SPURS 121, THUNDER 112

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge scored a season-high 39 points and

San Antonio rolled past Oklahoma City.

Point guard Dejounte Murray had a career-high 10 assists along with 17 points and eight rebounds.

DeMar DeRozan added 16 points and nine assists.

Danilo Gallinari scored 27 points for the Thunder. Chris Paul had 19 points and five assists in 31 minutes.

HEAT 124, SUNS 108

PHOENIX (AP) — Jimmy Butler scored 30 of his 34 points

in the first half, Goran Dragic added 25 and Miami rolled past Phoenix.

The Heat improved to 6-2 for the first time since 2012 when they had LeBron James and eventually won the NBA title. Dragic, who played six seasons in his 12-year career with the Suns, scored 20 points in the second half.

Aron Baynes had 23 points for Phoenix, and Devin Booker added 22. □

NBA fines Clippers \$50,000 for statements about Leonard

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The NBA fined the Los Angeles Clippers \$50,000 on Thursday for statements made by coach Doc Rivers and others that were "inconsistent" about Kawhi Leonard's health.

Leonard sat out a 129-124 home loss to the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday night, the second time he's missed the nationally televised front end of a back-to-back this season. He had 27 points and 13 rebounds in a nationally televised 107-101 win over Portland on Thursday night.

"I'm disappointed. He's my coach and I'm on his side," Leonard said of the fine. "I'm not a doctor, but we're going to do what's best for me to be healthy so I can play basketball games. I can't read too much into it." The NBA initially confirmed the Clippers were compliant with league rules in resting Leonard because of a knee injury. It was what Rivers said before the game that in part



Los Angeles Clippers coach Doc Rivers disagrees about a call during the first half of the team's NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

triggered the fine. "He feels great," Rivers said Wednesday. "But he feels great because of what we've been doing, and we're just going to continue to do it. There's no concern here."

Rivers cited "a lot of minutes" that Leonard racked up last season while lead-

ing Toronto to its first NBA championship.

"I think Kawhi made a statement that he's never felt better," Rivers said. "It's our job to make sure he stays that way."

Less than 24 hours later, the NBA fined the Clippers for statements, including

those by Rivers, that were inconsistent with Leonard's health status while also detailing his knee injury. At the same time, the league reaffirmed the team was in line with NBA rules in sitting Leonard.

"The team has reasonably determined that Leonard

is suffering from an ongoing injury to the patella tendon in his left knee and has been placed by the team at this time on an injury protocol for back-to-back games," the league's statement said.

Leonard played 60 games during the 2018-19 regular season and another 24 in the playoffs for Toronto. He averaged 30.5 points and 9.1 rebounds in the post-season and was MVP of the NBA Finals.

Before training camp with the Clippers, the 28-year-old forward said he was feeling "way better" than he did at the start of last season and that no load management plan was in place yet.

Rivers indicated he was disappointed by the fine.

"I think we said it all," he explained Thursday. "I'm not getting into it. What we said, we said."

Leonard is averaging career highs in points (29.3), rebounds (7.3), assists (5.7), steals (2.3) and blocks (1.0). He's averaging 30.5 minutes per game. □

Carli Lloyd scores twice, U.S. holds off Sweden 3-2

By NICOLE KRAFT

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

New coach. Same result.

Carli Lloyd scored twice, Christen Press added a goal and the United States held off Sweden 3-2 on Thursday night at Mapfre Stadium, giving Vlatko Andonovski a victory in his first match as head coach.

The U.S. is 19-1-3 in 2019 and has a 22-match unbeaten streak.

The U.S. dominated early in the friendly, as Lloyd took a pass in the sixth minute from Christen Press with a right-footed shot from the center of the box and put it past goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl to the bottom right corner.

Press followed in the 28th minute, faking out a pair of defenders with fancy footwork and burying a ball from Lindsey Horan for her 50th goal in international competition. Press is just the 11th American to reach that milestone.

"We knew what we wanted to do, and I think we did a good job controlling the game defensively," Andonovski said. "The only thing I thought we could do better, and we did it in the second half, is push the block a little bit higher from the middle to the high block. We were successful when we did that. Obvi-



United States forward Carli Lloyd, left, defender Emily Sonnett, center, and midfielder Rose Lavelle celebrate Lloyd's second goal against Sweden during the first half of a women's international friendly soccer match in Columbus, Ohio, Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019.

ously, it will just take a little bit of time to adjust the timing, the angle and the approach to all the players." Three minutes later, Lloyd found the back of the net again with a right-footed shot just inside the box, off a chip pass from Tobin Heath. Lloyd, who has 22 multi-goal games, has 120 international goals and leads the U.S. in scoring this year with 15.

"For me, it's going out and trying to be better than I

was the game before, help the team and implementing the philosophy that Vlatko wants," Lloyd said. "Goals come when you are really not seeking goals. If you go out and give 100% effort, some good things usually happen. "I'm really proud of the team. There was some fabulous stuff out there. There was also some stuff will need to work on. Overall it was a good game." But Sweden would not go

quietly before a crowd of 20,903, with the No. 5 team in the world finally getting on the board in the 75th minute on Anna Anvegård's right-foot shot from close range. Anvegård scored her second goal three minutes later when goaltender Alyssa Naeher played a ball high in the box and was caught out of position on the score, leaving the net open for a right-footed shot from the center of the box.

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Lloyd was primed to complete a hat trick with a penalty kick in the 81st minute, but it sailed high.

The United States is ranked No. 1 in the world after winning its fourth World Cup this past summer in France, defeating Sweden in the group stage before taking out Spain, France, England and the Netherlands on its way to the championship. Andonovski on Oct. 28 became the ninth U.S. coach after the retirement of Jill Ellis, whose 106 victories made her the winningest coach in U.S. women's soccer history and the first international coach to win two Women's World Cup titles.

A native of Macedonia, Andonovski played in Europe before an indoor soccer career in the United States. He coached in the National Women's Soccer League for the past seven seasons, with FC Kansas City and Reign FC of Washington State.

Lloyd said she has already come to respect his coaching style.

"I think he's simple and effective," she said. "His training sessions are short, concise and to the point. You know the message. I think it's the belief in players and the confidence that he has in players that you fed off of. □

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PLAYOFF RUN: Seattle beat No. 7 FC Dallas, No. 3 Real Salt Lake and No. 1 Los Angeles FC to reach the final. Toronto dispatched No. 5 D.C. United, No. 1 New York City FC and No. 2 Atlanta United FC. **FORM:** Toronto has won four straight and is undefeated in its last 13 matches, regular season and playoffs (7-0-6). Toronto's last league loss was a 2-0 defeat Aug. 3 at the New York Red Bulls. Seattle has won five straight and has lost just twice in its last 12 league matches (8-2-2) since mid-August.

HOME/ROAD: Seattle tied for the fourth-best home record during the regular

season at .765 (11-2-4). Toronto had the fourth-best away record at .441 (4-6-7).

STILL TO COME: In its two finals appearance Seattle has yet to score a goal.

INJURIES: Toronto striker Jozy Altidore has not played since the Oct. 6 regular-season finale because of a quad strain. Toronto coach Greg Vanney must choose between Laurent Ciman and Omar Gonzalez at center back. Gonzalez was the starter but missed time because of a hamstring issue and Ciman has looked good filling in for him. Seattle has no known injury concerns going into the final.

SOUNDERS TO WATCH: Uruguayan midfielder Nicolas



Toronto FC midfielder Michael Bradley, center, stands on the pitch with teammates during a training session Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, in Tukwila, Wash.

Lodeiro is the playmaker, moving around the field looking to create. Peruvian Raul Ruidiaz is the danger man up front. "He's really relentless in the way he plays off the ball and it's really a

joy to watch," Seattle midfielder Cristian Roldan said. Goalkeeper Stefan Frei is the anchor in the back and was the star of Seattle's 2016 championship win.

TORONTO PLAYERS TO

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WATCH: Spanish playmaker Alejandro Pozuelo figures to play farther forward again in Altidore's likely continued absence. His movement drags defenders away and opens space for teammates. Goalkeeper Quentin Westberg has come up big this season, making big saves including penalties. Midfielder Nick DeLeon and fullback Richie Laryea have been Toronto's super-subs in the playoffs. **MILESTONES:** Sunday will mark captain Michael Bradley's 200th game in all competitions for Toronto. Toronto coach Greg Vanney has 99 wins in all competitions. Seattle is expected to post the second-largest attendance for an MLS Cup final, behind last year's championship match in Atlanta. □



Jannik Sinner of Italy, returns the ball to Miomir Kecmanovic of Serbia, during the ATP Next Gen tennis tournament semifinal match, in Milan, Italy, Friday, Nov. 8, 2019.

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De Minaur to face home favorite Sinner in final

By DANIELLA MATAR
Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — Last year's runner-up Alex de Minaur will have to overcome a partisan home crowd in Saturday's final if he is to go one better and win the Next Gen Finals. Top-seeded De Minaur of Australia will face Italian wild card Jannik Sinner after both won their semifinals on Friday at the season-ending tournament for top under-21 players.

The 18-year-old Sinner beat Miomir Kecmanovic of Serbia 2-4, 4-1, 4-2, 4-2 to the delight of the home crowd at the Allianz Cloud in Milan.

Kecmanovic saved three match points on his serve, but Sinner won the next game to love. He clinched the match with a forehand volley that had the fans on their feet.

Sinner opened the year at No. 551, but he is now the youngest player inside the Top 100, having risen to No. 95. Earlier, De Minaur beat second-seeded Frances Tiafoe of the United States 4-2, 4-1, 0-4, 4-2 at the tournament, which features a unique format where each set is first to four games.

The 20-year-old De Minaur dominated the match but had to recover from losing the third set. He sealed the victory on his first match point when Tiafoe hit a forehand into the net.

"It's never easy playing someone like Frances. He has immense firepower and he's never going to give up," said De Minaur, who has lost just one of his nine matches at the Next Gen Finals.

"I didn't have my best third set, but I was able to bounce back and come up clutch in that last game."

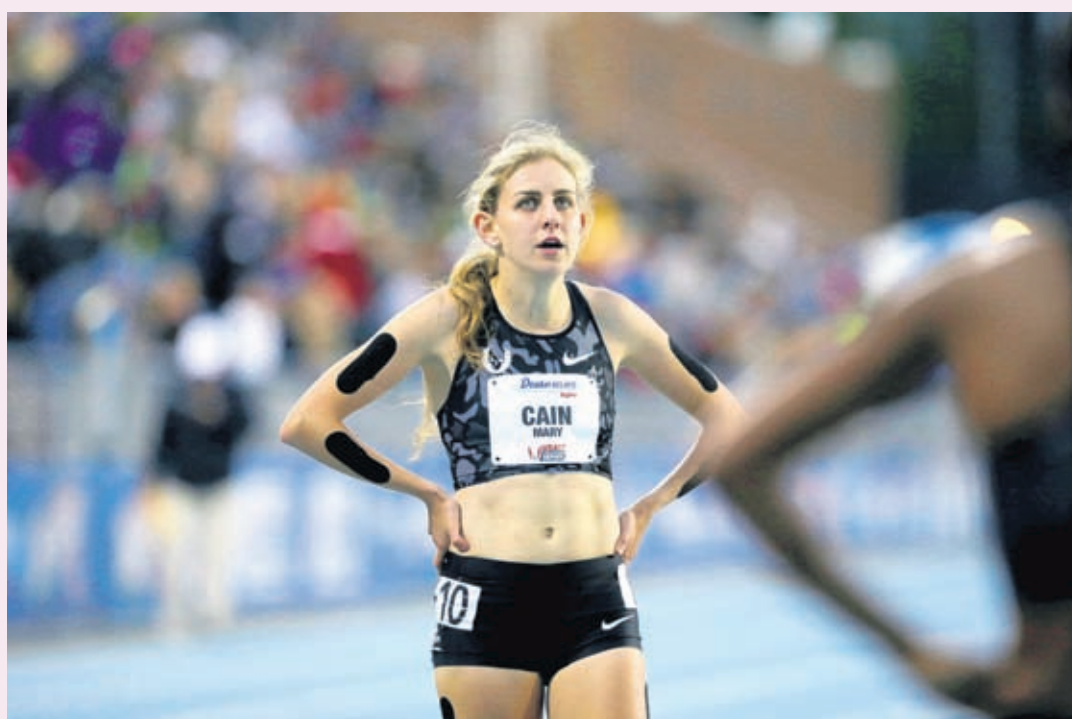
De Minaur and Tiafoe are good friends on the circuit and that was shown by the American giving De Minaur a friendly slap on the head as he walked off court after the defeat.

"It's difficult, but easier in some ways," De Minaur said about facing a friend.

"It's easy because you know that no matter what happens on the court, you're still going to be the best of friends. In the same manner, you've got to remember that you're opponents."

De Minaur, who is ranked No. 18, will be looking for a fourth ATP Tour title after victories this year in Sydney, Atlanta and Zhuhai.

De Minaur lost the 2018 final in Milan to Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas. □



In this April 29, 2016, file photo, Mary Cain walks off the track after competing in the women's special 1500-meter run at the Drake Relays athletics meet, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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Nike will look into runner Mary Cain's allegations of abuse

By The Associated Press

Nike will look into runner Mary Cain's allegations of abuse while she was part of Alberto Salazar's training group. The runner says it reached the point where she started having suicidal thoughts and cutting herself.

Cain joined the disbanded Nike Oregon Project run by Salazar in 2013, soon after competing in the 1,500-meter final at track and field's world championships when she was 17.

Now 23, Cain told The New York Times in a video essay that she joined Nike because she "wanted to be the best female athlete ever."

"Instead, I was emotionally and physically abused by a system designed by Alberto and endorsed by Nike," she said.

Nike said in a statement these are "deeply troubling allegations which have not been raised by Mary or her parents before. Mary was seeking to rejoin the Oregon Project and Alberto's team as recently as April of this year and had not raised these concerns as part of that process."

The sportswear giant added it will "take the allegations extremely seriously and will launch an immediate investigation to

hear from former Oregon Project athletes."

Cain alleged that under Salazar's direction she was told to lose weight and he created an "arbitrary number of 114 pounds."

"He would usually weigh me in front of my teammates and publicly shame me if I wasn't hitting weight," she said.

In 2015, Cain said after a race she told Salazar and the team's sports psychologist she was cutting herself and they "pretty much told me they wanted to go to bed. I think for me that was my kick in the head, where I was like, 'This is a sick system.'" Salazar was banned from the sport for four years by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency for experiments with supplements and testosterone that were bankrolled and supported by Nike, along with possessing and trafficking testosterone. Nike shut down Salazar's elite program. In addition, Nike said last month that longtime CEO Mark Parker would leave early next year.

Cain said that "young girls' bodies are being ruined by an emotionally and physically abusive system. That's what needs to change."

In trying to cut weight, Cain said she didn't have

her period for three years and broke five different bones. Cain also said Salazar wanted to give her "birth control pills and diuretics to lose weight, the latter of which isn't allowed in track and field."

"I ran terrible during this time," she added in the video.

"It reached a point where I was on the starting line, and I'd lost the race before I started because in my head all I was thinking of was not the time I was trying to hit but the number on the scale I saw earlier that day."

Cain drew overwhelming support from the running community. Shalane Flanagan reached out to her on Twitter, posting: "I had no idea it was this bad. I'm so sorry (Mary) that I never reached out to you when I saw you struggling. I made excuses to myself as to why I should mind my own business. We let you down. I will never turn my head again."

Cain responded to Flanagan by posting: "I can't express how much this meant to me. It was scary to feel so forgotten by a community I devoted my life to. But together we can change things. As athletes, it's easy to hand our agency to others, but new coaches can change the system." □

Report on Uber crash questions testing of self-driving cars

By **TOM KRISHER**

AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — Documents released this week by a federal agency raise questions about whether a self-driving Uber SUV that ran down a pedestrian last year should have been allowed on public roads for test purposes.

A National Transportation Safety Board report on the March 18, 2018 crash in Tempe, Arizona, that killed Elaine Herzberg, 49, found that the Uber self-driving system couldn't determine if she was pedestrian, vehicle or bicycle. It also could not predict that she was jaywalking in the path of the moving SUV.

"The system design did not include a consideration for jaywalking pedestrians," the agency said in its report, released ahead of a Nov. 19 board meeting to determine the cause of the Tempe crash.

That, and the fact that Uber disconnected braking systems and relied on the human safety driver to stop the SUV in an emergency, shows that the Uber system wasn't ready to be tested on public roads, experts say. Some say that stronger standards or more government regulation are needed to set standards before testing is allowed.

"These have to be much better than that before



This March 18, 2018 file image provided by the Tempe Police Department shows an Uber SUV after hitting a woman in Tempe, Ariz.

they can go out there (on public roads)," said Alain Kornhauser, chair of autonomous vehicle engineering at Princeton University. "If you can't do better than that, stay on your test tracks. Don't come out in public."

Consumer Reports said the report showed "outrageous safety lapses" by Uber and called for stronger rules governing autonomous vehicle testing.

"We hope Uber has cleaned up its act, but without mandatory standards for self-driving cars, there will always be companies

out there that skimp on safety," Ethan Douglas, senior policy analyst for the magazine and website, said in a statement. "We need smart, strong safety rules in place for self-driving cars to reach their life-saving potential."

The NTSB will determine the cause of the crash and make recommendations for avoiding future incidents, but the agency can only make recommendations. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, federal lawmakers and states have authority to

impose regulations.

In a statement, Uber said it regrets the crash that killed Herzberg, and it has adopted improvements that make safety a priority. "We deeply value the thoroughness of the NTSB's investigation into the crash and look forward to reviewing their recommendations once issued after the NTSB's board meeting later this month," the company said. It has resumed testing with two safety drivers on city streets in Pittsburgh.

Bryant Walker Smith, a University of South Carolina

law professor who studies autonomous vehicles, said Uber's system wasn't ready for testing on public roads.

"Clearly there was a technological failure in the sense that this was not a mature system," he said. "The response to 'I don't know what is in front of me' should absolutely be slow down rather than do nothing."

Currently there are no federal requirements for autonomous vehicles to be tested on public roads, and NHTSA has taken a more voluntary approach so it doesn't slow the technology and limit its life-saving potential, Smith said. Bills regulating the tests haven't moved in Congress, but some states have their own regulations, he said.

Smith, though, said he favors making companies explain exactly what they'll be testing and how they'll do it safely before they're allowed to test on city streets.

"They should publicly say this is what we're doing, this is why we think it's reasonably safe and this is why you can trust us," he said. "If a company so abuses the public trust that they put an immature technology on the road with an immature system, there should be real consequences when people are injured." □

Got a weird text? A telecom vendor says it's to blame

By **TALI ARBEL**

AP Technology Writer

If you woke up to a weird text that seemed totally out of place, you aren't alone. A mysterious wave of missives swept America's phones overnight, delivering confusing messages from friends, family and the occasional ex.

Friends who hadn't talked to each other in months were jolted into chatting. Others briefly panicked.

A telecom vendor called Syniverse said a server failed on Feb. 14, and nearly 170,000 messages from multiple carriers didn't go through. When that server was reactivated Thursday, those messages got sent. In



In this Oct. 24, 2013, file photo, a person checks their smartphone in Glenview, Ill.

a statement sent to The Associated Press by Verizon, Syniverse said it is reviewing internal procedures so

this doesn't happen again. Syniverse typically deletes messages that don't go through. Syniverse didn't

immediately respond to a request for more details.

The sudden release of messages sometimes had a dramatic effect. Stephanie Bovee, a 28-year-old from Portland, Oregon, woke up at 5 a.m. to a text from her sister that said just "omg." She immediately thought something had happened to her newborn nephew at the hospital. She started calling everyone. Her sister and her sister's husband didn't answer. She woke up her mom, freaking her out. It was three hours before she learned that everything was fine and the text was an odd anomaly.

"Now it's funny," she said. "But out of context, it was

not cool." Bovee figured out that people were getting some of her old texts that failed to go through when her sister and a co-worker both got texts that she had sent in February. The text her sister received wished her a happy Valentine's Day. Marissa Figueroa, a 25-year-old from Turlock, California, got an unwanted message from an ex she had stopped talking to — and then he got one from her as well. Neither actually sent them recently, both said. Figueroa couldn't figure it out, even worrying that her ex was messing with her, until she saw reports of this happening to others. □

As Buffett seeks big acquisition, Berkshire trails S&P

By **JOSH FUNK**
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Three-quarters of the way through 2019, Warren Buffett's conglomerate Berkshire Hathaway is trailing the renowned investor's favorite benchmark, the S&P 500 — as it's done over the past decade.

Besides having a large stock portfolio, Berkshire owns an odd mix of companies, some well-known such as the Geico insurance company and the Dairy Queen restaurants, and other far less familiar names such as MidAmerican Energy and Iscar Metalworking. The assortment produces steady profits but not significant growth, and occasionally needs some new blood in order to outperform the market.

Finding that next big acquisition has been hard to come by for Buffett, one reason he says Berkshire hasn't kept up with the overall market. Buffett says low interest rates have made it easier for other investors to borrow money and bid up the prices of acquisition targets. On the investment side,



In this May 5, 2019, file photo Warren Buffett, Chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, gestures during a game of bridge following the annual Berkshire Hathaway shareholders meeting in Omaha, Neb.

where Buffett earned his reputation, he's gotten good returns investing in bellwethers such as Apple and Bank of America, but a big investment in Kraft Heinz has turned sour.

While many people view Buffett as the world's pre-eminent investor, in the years since the financial crisis — when Buffett made

a number of profitable deals — Berkshire Hathaway has delivered a 353% return while the S&P 500 index has delivered 468% in gains when dividends are included. This year alone, Berkshire's stock is up just 8% compared to the total market's 25% gain.

That performance has tested the patience of some

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 longtime Buffett backers. Investor David Rolfe sold off his firm's roughly \$100 million stake in Berkshire during this year. Rolfe expressed frustration with Buffett's investment choices and inability to find productive uses for Berkshire's cash.

"Thumb-sucking has not cut the Heinz mustard during the Great Bull Market of

2009-2019," Rolfe wrote to investors in his Wedgewood Partners fund.

Rolfe said Buffett should have bet heavily on a handful of stocks he knows well — such as Visa and Mastercard — when he couldn't find major acquisitions during the past decade. "Buffett is incredibly well-versed in the payments processing industry given his half-century knowledge in longtime holding American Express. These two stocks should have been layups for Buffett," Rolfe said about Visa and Mastercard. Both shares are up more than 150% over the past five years.

To be sure, the growth in Berkshire's stock price since 1965 has outpaced the Standard & Poor's 500 index in all but 17 years to deliver a compounded annual return of 20.5% overall compared to the market's 9.7% through 2018. But Buffett has repeatedly warned investors not to expect that type of return going forward because Berkshire's size makes it nearly impossible to keep growing significantly faster than the overall market. □

Stocks edge lower as investors listen for trade deal clues

By **DAMIAN J. TROISE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks fell in early trading Friday as investors grew more uncertain about prospects for a trade deal between the U.S. and China. The market is still poised for a winning week and major indexes were just below record highs set a day earlier. Wall Street has been cheering the latest push to sign an agreement before more costly tariffs on a wide range of consumer products go into effect on Dec. 15. Those cheers were muffled late Thursday over reports that U.S. officials are still deliberating the extent of easing tariffs if talks progress. Energy stocks were among the biggest decliners in the early going as the price of oil dipped 1.6%. ConocoPhillips fell 1.9%. Technology companies



In this Oct. 29, 2019, file photo specialist Gregg Maloney, left, and trader John Panin work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

also fell. Many of the companies in the sector rely on China for sales and supplies, which make them more sensitive to swings in trade war sentiment. Broadcom fell 1.3% and Micron shed 1.6%. Banks also slipped. Principal Financial fell 1.7%. Walt Disney was a standout

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 among communications companies with solid gains following surprisingly good earnings. Several other companies rose following solid earnings reports. Energy drink maker Monster Beverage rose 6.3% and Bookings Holdings gained 5.4%. Bond prices rose. The

yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.91% from 1.92% late Thursday.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index fell 0.1% as of 10:16 a.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 41 points, or 0.1%, to 27,632. The Nasdaq fell 0.1%. The Russell 2000 index of smaller company stocks was little change. European and Asian markets fell.

WEEK OF RECORDS: The S&P 500 had another solid week of record-setting days. The index closed at an all-time high of 3,085.18 on Thursday, its second record-setting day of the week. It is also on track for its fifth straight week of gains.

The Dow also had a solid week and reached a record of 27,674.80 on Thursday. That was its third record-setting day of the week. The Nasdaq hit a record of 8,434.68 on Tues-

day, its second record this week.

ROARING MOUSE: Walt Disney rose 4.4% after handily beating Wall Street's fiscal fourth-quarter profit forecasts on surging revenue because of films including "The Lion King" and "Toy Story 4". The company also said it received a positive response from a test of its planned streaming service, Disney Plus.

WIDENING GAP: The retailer fell 6.3% after slashing its profit forecast for the year and announcing the resignation of CEO Art Peck. The company has been struggling to turn around a long-standing sales slump and is splitting into two publicly traded companies, one for its Old Navy brand and another for the Gap, Banana Republic and its lesser known brands like Athleta, Intermix and Hill City. □

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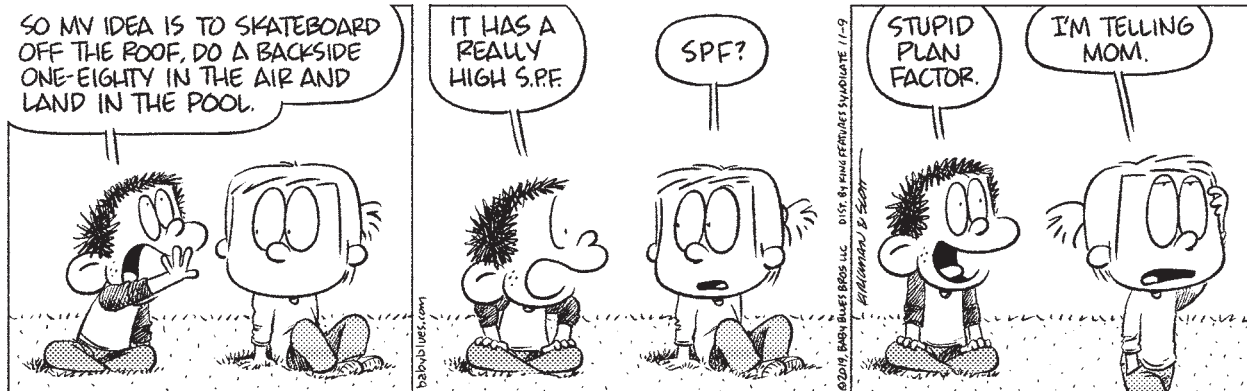
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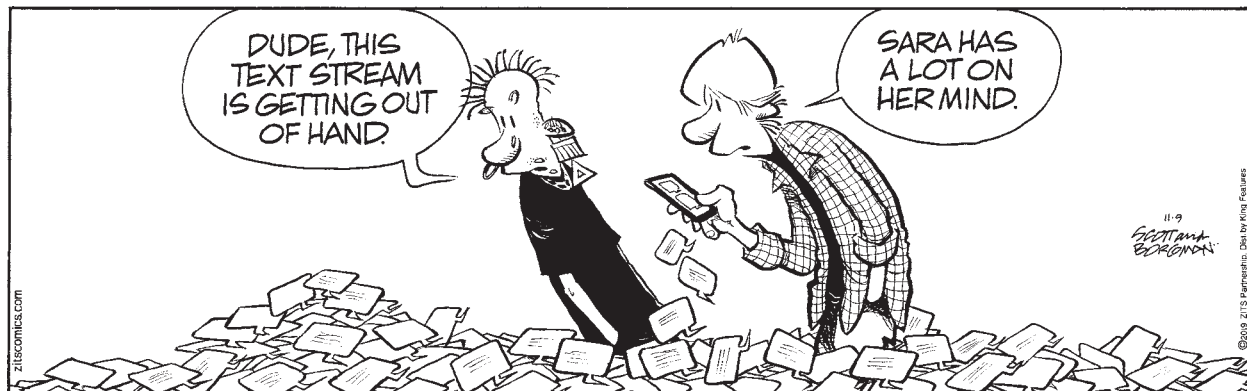
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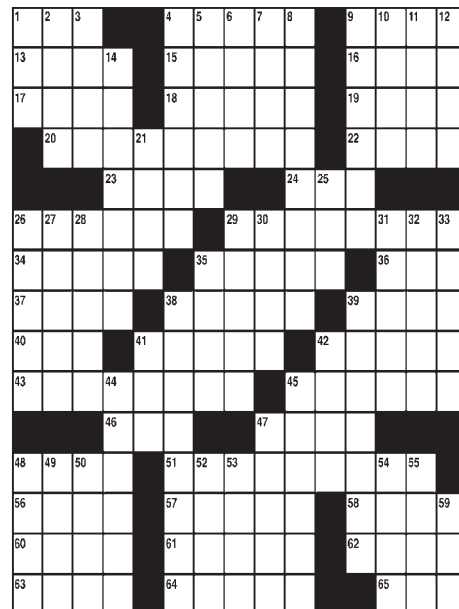
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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6	9	4	3	8	2	1	5	7
9	2	6	5	7	8	4	3	1
4	3	5	2	1	9	7	8	6
8	7	1	6	4	3	5	2	9

ACROSS

- Flood refuge
- African nation
- Part of the lower leg
- Wander
- Batman's sidekick
- Apple's center
- Stubborn animal
- Build
- As strong as
- Where to find Volunteers
- Landlady's collection
- into account; consider
- Iacocca or Marvin
- Pulsates
- Nudging
- Splitting; nit-picking
- Gathers crops
- "whiz!"
- Helps out
- "makes waste"
- club; school singers
- Suffix for project or text
- Helvetica & Arial
- Clumsy fellows
- Vipers
- Pick
- Presidential nickname
- Hideaway
- Swamp critter, for short
- Undressing
- Tribal; traditions passed down
- run; pretest
- Hatfields & McCoys, e.g.
- Taxi alternative
- Ill-gotten gain
- Pull hard
- Mrs. Truman
- Bread ingredient
- Beatles' "Jude"



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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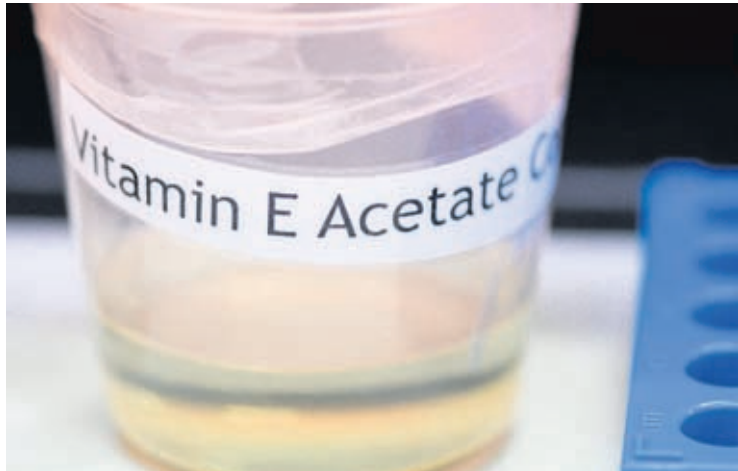
- Plato & Aristotle
- Steed
- Beame & Vigoda
- "Have a day!"; overused farewell
- Antlered animal
- Petrified
- Make sharper material
- Horseshoe
- Bank teller's call
- Trusted counselors
- Captures
- O'Neill & Asner
- Bangkok folks
- Ethiopia's Selassie
- Equestrian
- Annoying people
- Word of disgust
- Inuit abode
- Has to have
- Honking birds
- Angry speech
- Truly

DOWN

- Word attached to pit or chair
- Drive out
- Hardy cabbage

- Wraparound garment
- Raw minerals
- Word of agreement
- Costa
- Actor Wyle
- Autry or Kelly
- blue; pastel color

US officials identify 'strong culprit' in vaping illnesses



This Monday, Nov. 4, 2019 photo shows a vitamin E acetate sample during a tour of the Medical Marijuana Laboratory of Organic and Analytical Chemistry at the Wadsworth Center in Albany, N.Y.

By MIKE STOBBE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. health officials announced a breakthrough Friday into the cause of a mysterious outbreak of vaping illnesses, reporting they have a “very strong culprit.”

The same chemical compound was found in fluid taken from the lungs of 29 patients across the country, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. The compound — vitamin E acetate — was previously found in liquid from electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices used by many of those who got sick. This is the first time they’ve found a common suspect in the damaged lungs of patients, officials said. “We are in a better place in terms of having one very strong culprit,”

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said the CDC’s Dr. Anne Schuchat.

But agency officials cautioned they cannot rule out all other toxic substances, and it may take animal studies to clearly show vitamin E acetate causes the lung damage that’s been seen. More than 2,000 Americans who vape have gotten sick since March, many of them teen and young adults, and at least 40 people have died. The bulk of the cases occurred in August and September but new cases are still being reported.

Vitamin E acetate has only recently been used as a thickener in vaping fluid, particularly in black market vape cartridges. While vitamin E is safe as a vitamin pill or to use on the skin, inhaling oily droplets of it can be harmful. It’s sticky and

stays in the lungs — the CDC’s Dr. Jim Pirkle likened it to honey. Many who got sick said they had vaped liquids that contain THC, the high-inducing part of marijuana, with many saying they got them from friends or bought them on the black market.

E-cigarettes and other vaping devices heat a liquid into an inhalable vapor. For years, most products contained nicotine, but THC vaping has been growing more common. □

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PLATINUM Season

2B Oceanfront \$27k
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Marriott Aruba Ocean Club

GOLD Season

2B Oceanfront \$14k
 2B OV \$8000
 1 Bed \$4000
 1B Oceanfront \$7500

PLATINUM Season

2 Bed OV \$16500
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Doctors try CRISPR gene editing for cancer, a 1st in the U.S.

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

The first attempt in the United States to use a gene editing tool called CRISPR against cancer seems safe in the three patients who have had it so far, but it's too soon to know if it will improve survival, doctors reported Wednesday.

The doctors were able to take immune system cells from the patients' blood and alter them genetically to help them recognize and fight cancer, with minimal and manageable side effects.

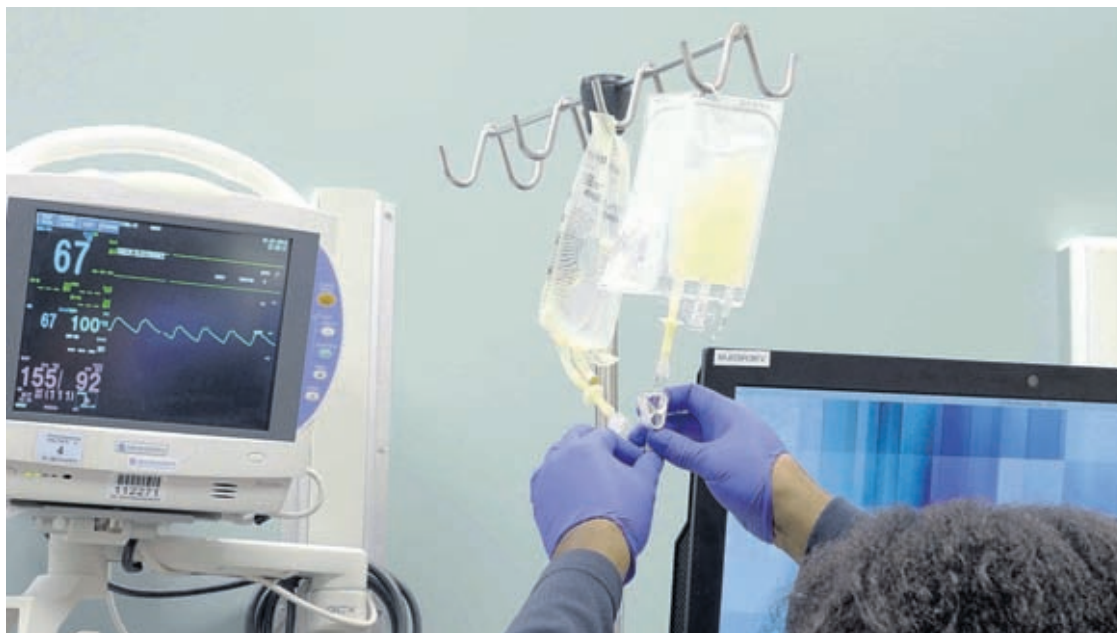
The treatment deletes three genes that might have been hindering these cells' ability to attack the disease, and adds a new, fourth feature to help them do the job.

"It's the most complicated genetic, cellular engineering that's been attempted so far," said the study leader, Dr. Edward Stadtmauer of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. "This is proof that we can safely do gene editing of these cells."

After two to three months, one patient's cancer continued to worsen and another was stable. The third patient was treated too recently to know how she'll fare. The plan is to treat 15 more patients and assess safety and how well it works.

"It's very early, but I'm incredibly encouraged by this," said one independent expert, Dr. Aaron Gerds, a Cleveland Clinic cancer specialist.

Other cell therapies for some blood cancers "have been a huge hit, taking diseases that are incurable and curing them," and the gene editing may give a way to improve on those, he said.



In this January 2019 image made from video provided by Penn Medicine, IV bags of CRISPR-edited T cells are prepared for administering to a patient at the Abramson Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

Gene editing is a way to permanently change DNA to attack the root causes of a disease. CRISPR is a tool to cut DNA at a specific spot.

It's long been used in the lab and is being tried for other diseases.

This study is not aimed at changing DNA within a person's body. Instead it seeks to remove, alter and give back to the patient cells that are super-powered to fight their cancer — a form of immunotherapy.

Chinese scientists reportedly have tried this for cancer patients, but this is the first such study outside that country. It's so novel that it took more than two years to get approval from U.S. government regulators to try it.

The early results were released by the American Society of Hematology; details will be given at its annual conference in December.

The study is sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania, the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy in San Francisco, and a bio-

tech company, Tmunity Therapeutics. Several study leaders and the university have a financial stake in the company and may

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benefit from patents and licenses on the technology. Two of the patients have multiple myeloma, a blood cancer, and the third has

a sarcoma, cancer that forms in connective or soft tissue. All had failed multiple standard treatments and were out of good options.

Their blood was filtered to remove immune system soldiers called T cells, which were modified in the lab and then returned to the patients through an IV. It's intended as a one-time treatment. The cells should multiply into an army within the body and act as a living drug.

So far, the cells have survived and have been multiplying as intended, Stadtmauer said.

"This is a brand new therapy" so not it's not clear how soon any anti-cancer effects will be seen. Following these patients longer, and testing more of them, will tell, he said. □

Mercury putting on rare show Monday, parading across the sun

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Mercury is putting on a rare celestial show next week, parading across the sun in view of most of the world.

The solar system's smallest, innermost planet will resemble a tiny black dot Monday as it passes directly between Earth and the sun. It begins at 7:35 a.m. EST.

The entire 5 ½-hour event will be visible, weather permitting, in the eastern U.S. and Canada, and all Central and South America. The rest of North America, Europe and Africa will catch part of the action. Asia and Australia will miss out.

Unlike its 2016 transit, Mercury will score a near bull's-eye this time, passing practically dead center in front of our star. Mercury's next transit isn't until 2032, and North America won't get another viewing opportunity until 2049. Earthlings get treated to just 13 or 14 Mercury

transits a century.

You'll need proper eye protection for Monday's spectacle: Telescopes or binoculars with solar filters are recommended. There's no harm in pulling out the eclipse glasses from the total solar eclipse across the U.S. two years ago, but it would take "exceptional vision" to spot minuscule Mercury, said NASA solar astrophysicist Alex Young. Mercury is 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometers) in diameter, compared with the sun's 864,000 miles (1.4 million kilometers.)

During its 2012 transit of the sun, larger and closer Venus was barely detectable by Young with his solar-viewing glasses.

"That's really close to the limit of what you can see," he said earlier this week. "So Mercury's going to probably be too small." Venus transits are much rarer. The next one isn't until 2117.

Mercury will cut a diagonal path left to right across the sun on

Monday, entering around the 8 o'clock mark and exiting around the 2 o'clock point.

Although the trek will appear slow, Mercury will zoom across the sun at roughly 150,000 mph (241,000 kph).

NASA will broadcast the transit as seen from the orbiting Solar Dynamics Observatory, with only a brief lag. Scientists will use the transit to fine-tune telescopes, especially those in space that cannot be adjusted by hand, according to Young.

It's this kind of transit that allows scientists to discover alien worlds. Periodic, fleeting dips of starlight indicate an orbiting planet.

"Transits are a visible demonstration of how the planets move around the sun, and everyone with access to the right equipment should take a look," Mike Cruise, president of the Royal Astronomical Society, said in a statement from England. □

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Palestinian photographer finds 2nd calling as wire sculptor

By **MOHAMMED DARAGH-MEH**

Associated Press

BILIN, West Bank (AP) — After 14 years as a photographer in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, one Palestinian man has found his second calling through sculpture, telling stories by recycling metal wire into art.

He says that while the effect of a news photo can be fleeting, a work of art remains over time.

In the garden of his small house in the village of Bilin, 43-year-old Haitham Khateeb twists and binds wires into images of the Palestinian experience — both tragic and joyous.

He says that by working with metal, he's giving a sense of permanence and durability to scenes of Palestinian daily life "because we need to convey it to the world and (future) generations."

His artworks range in size and include pastoral scenes of olive harvests and farmers cultivating their land.

They also depict confrontations with Israeli troops and the ongoing protests along



In this combination of photos taken Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019, sculptures that depict Palestinian daily life by Palestinian artist, Haitham Khateeb in the West Bank village of Bilin near Ramallah.

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the Gaza Strip's boundary with Israel.

For over a decade, Khateeb's village was itself a flashpoint for protests against Israel's separation wall. The wall cuts off many villages from their fields and pastures, as was the case in Bilin.

Starting in 2005, residents of Bilin began staging weekly

protests against the wall that continued for several years.

"I carried the camera, and I began documenting what was going on in my village, and sent it to the media," he said.

At times clashes erupted, and two protesters were killed by Israeli fire. Activists from around the world

and Israeli supporters took part in the demonstrations, which helped them build momentum and brought worldwide media attention.

But as the demonstrations have quieted down in the past two years, Khateeb says he found himself with more free time.

"I started to think of another

way to tell the news," he said.

As a child, Khateeb says he learned how to use metal wire to make toys that he could not afford. "Today I use it differently."

Sometimes he goes back in history, building scenes from the war surrounding Israel's creation, in which hundreds of thousands of Palestinians fled or were forced from their homes, or the first and second uprisings against Israeli occupation.

His dozens of works include a portrait of the late Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, with his famous keffiyeh, the iconic Palestinian headscarf. He's also sculpted refugees fleeing their homes and clashes between Palestinian stone throwers and Israeli troops.

Khateeb displays his works on social media, and is preparing for his first exhibition soon. He also hopes to do larger pieces that can be placed in public squares.

"I worked as a photojournalist for a long time, and now I found that art could be a more effective way of reporting," he said. □

5 screenwriters get career jumpstart with film academy honor

By **JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.**

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) —

Five emerging screenwriters gained the film academy's stamp of admission into Hollywood with help from an ensemble of actors that included Tyrese Gibson and Amandla Stenberg.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences honored each screenwriter at the Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting awards and presentation on Thursday night. The five individuals each received \$35,000 fellowships and had their work brought to life through live readings by Gibson, Stenberg, Rosa Salazar and Wes Studi. The event was held at the academy's headquarters in Beverly Hills, California.

The five screenplays selected include: Aaron Chung's "Princess Vietnam," Karen McDermott's "Lullabies of

La Jaula," Renee Pillai's "Boy With Kite," Sean Malcolm's "Mother" and Walter McKnight's "Street Rat Allie Punches Her Ticket."

"I want to write scripts in Hollywood. What kind of fool would want to do that?" asked Pillai, sarcastically, while pointing at herself before the audience burst into laughter. She is the first Nicholl fellow from Malaysia and faced a series of obstacles that almost kept her from attending the event. Pillai applied for her U.S. visa, was told the earliest appointment she could get would be the day after the ceremony. But a fellowship official contacted the cultural affairs office at the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur on Pillai's behalf, arranging a meeting to appeal to the consul general to expedite her visa request.

Pillai then drove two hours to Kuala Lumpur to attend

the granted interview, with only the \$160 donated by her friends to pay the visa application fee. She ultimately obtained the visa and took 30 hours to travel by air from Malaysia to Los Angeles — that included layovers in China and Seattle. "If it wasn't for the academy and my friends, I wouldn't be here," she said. "I would've missed out (on) not only this ceremony, but also the seminars and preparations for the life you want to live. This is the start of my career." Winners will receive guidance from academy members as they complete a feature-length screenplay during their fellowship year. The winning screenplays were chosen from just over 7,300 submissions. Since 1986, the competition has awarded hundreds of fellowships, aiming to identify and encourage talented new



From left to right, Nicholl fellows Karen McDermott, Aaron Chung, Walker McKnight, Renee Pillai and Sean Malcolm pose at the Academy Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting Awards and Live Read at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Samuel Goldwyn Theater on Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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screenwriters. The academy says it doesn't acquire rights to screenwriters' work and doesn't involve itself commercially in the completion of scripts. Past fellows include writer-director Allison Anders, Pulitzer Prize-

winning novelist Jeffrey Eugenides and Oscar-winning screenwriter Susannah Grant ("Erin Brockovich"). The films "Finding Forrester" and "Transformers: Age of Extinction" were also written by past Nicholl fellows. □

It's a 'Marriage Story,' but about divorce

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press

Noah Baumbach is a keen observer of life's banalities. His films revel in the strange and wonderful and awkward things people say and do in the course of the day. But his real magic is turning ordinariness into cinema. He can take that feeling of post-graduate paralysis or middle-age stasis, topics that are not exactly unex-

plored in film, and make them feel fresh and more lifelike and lasting than even your own memories. His worlds are ones you feel like you already live in, even if he's exploring an ugly moment that everyone would rather forget as soon as possible, as in his latest "Marriage Story," which is actually about divorce.

It's a subject that Baumbach has taken on be-



This image released by Netflix shows Scarlett Johansson, left, and Adam Driver in "Marriage Story."

fore, in "The Squid and the Whale," although this time he's not coming at it through kids' eyes, but the adults'. And it is a devastating and hilariously authentic look at a fracturing marriage, the casualties, the misunderstandings, the feelings and the absurdities of the legal system around it.

The center of this story is a couple, Nicole (Scarlett Johansson) and Charlie (Adam Driver). She's an actress from Los Angeles. He's an acclaimed New York theater director. They met in the middle, when she was looking to escape her trajectory after a teen sex comedy and a too-young engagement and he was a promising no-

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body. She moved to New York and their lives for the next decade became intertwined, through work, marriage and a child, until it broke. There's not exactly one inciting source for the split that we're ever privy to, more like the culmination of 10 years' worth of life that adds up to an untenable unhappiness.

We meet Nicole and Charlie in this moment of separation, but we're already invested after hearing letters they've written about what exactly they love about the other person. But even knowing these things, the film lets you quickly understand that this relationship has fully curdled.

She's going to Los Angeles with their 8-year-old son

Henry (Azhy Robertson) to film a television pilot. He's staying in New York and taking the play that once starred her to Broadway. They're breaking up and they want to do so as painlessly as possible. No lawyers. Equal splits. Dream on, Charlie and Nicole, even nice divorces get ugly — there's a whole industry there to make sure of it.

"Marriage Story" takes the audience deep into this world, showing how two people fully invested in splitting amicably can get swept up so easily in animosity and legal challenges. And Baumbach has written and cast the divorce lawyers brilliantly, with a crackling Laura Dern as Nora, Nicole's lawyer. Alan Alda plays the sweet, coddling option for Charlie. His alternative is an expensive bulldog played by Ray Liotta.

Baumbach fills "Marriage Story" with a whole ensemble of memorable supporting characters who you only ever want to see more of. Merritt Wever, as Nicole's sister, Cassie, has a wonderful scene with the divorce papers. Julie Hagerty plays Nicole's daffy and sweet actress mother, Sandra. 

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A\$AP Rocky returns to Sweden months after assault conviction



In this Feb. 9, 2019 file photo, A\$AP Rocky attends the Pre-Grammy Gala And Salute To Industry Icons in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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STOCKHOLM (AP) — A\$AP Rocky will perform in Sweden several months after he was convicted of as-

sault in a street brawl. Concert promoter Live Nation says the rapper will return to Stockholm "after tremendous support from the

Swedish fans." The artist is due to perform Dec. 11 at Stockholm's Ericsson Globe arena.

A\$AP Rocky, whose real name is Rakim Mayers, was convicted of assault for a June 30 street brawl in Stockholm. He pleaded self-defense, saying he tried to avoid a confrontation with two men who were following his entourage.

On Aug. 14, Mayers and his two bodyguards were given "conditional sentences," meaning they won't serve prison time unless they commit a similar offense in the future.

President Donald Trump had weighed in to support the Grammy-nominated recording artist. □

Escape tunnel underneath Berlin Wall opens to public



People cover historic photos as they wait to see an escape tunnel, underneath the Berlin Wall which divided the city for 28 years during the Cold War, and was made visible for public for the first time, in Berlin, Germany, Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019.

Associated Press

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — An escape tunnel underneath the Berlin Wall opened to the public on Thursday for the first time amid celebrations of the 30-year anniversary of the opening of communist East Germany's border. The tunnel at Bernauer Strasse, near the city's main Wall memorial, was opened by Mayor Michael Mueller. He thanked those who started digging the 100-meter (yard) tunnel in late 1970, nine years after East Germany sealed its border.

"It's great to see that the battle for freedom was also taken underground," Mueller said before he took a tour of the new exhibit. "One can authentically experience ... the courage of the women and men who tried to take people to freedom and resisted the East German regime," he added.

The tunnel was built by a group of people who had escaped earlier to West Berlin. They wanted to help friends and family to flee to the West but, days before it was finished, somebody informed East German officials about it.

East German authorities then found the tunnel by using ultrasound tracking and partially destroyed it. Built in 1961, the Wall stood at the front line of the Cold

War. It cut off East Germans from the supposed ideological contamination of the West and stemmed the tide of people fleeing the country. In the 28 years that the Wall divided the city, more than 70 tunnels were built underneath the 156.4-kilometer (97.2-mile) barrier and around 300 people managed to escape through them, according to the Berlin Underworlds Association, which conducts tours of the city's historic bunkers and tunnels. Most tunnels were dug from the West to the East. Bernauer Strasse in the city's Mitte neighborhood was one of the most popular spots for tunnel diggers because of the high amount of clay in the soil — seven tunnels were built underneath the wall on a 350-meter (yard) stretch here.

Not all tunnel projects were successful. Some collapsed before they could be used, while others were discovered by East Germany's secret police, the Stasi. The newly opened tunnel at Bernauer Strasse can be reached through an access tunnel built by the Underworlds Association. Through two windows, 7.5 meters (24.6 feet) under the ground, visitors can peek into the dimly lit 1970 tunnel but not get inside. The original tunnel is so narrow that the men who built

it could only crawl through it. It led from the basement of a corner building on the western side of the Wall to another building on the eastern side.

Ulrich Pfeifer, a civil engineer and one of the builders of the tunnel, made calculations and created maps for the project. Pfeifer fled to West Berlin through the sewerage system just a few weeks after the Wall was erected in August 1961.

He said his motivation to dig escape tunnels was "the conviction of my girlfriend, who got seven years

in prison." "She was 22 years old and was sentenced for nothing other than an escape attempt," he said, still angry with the East German regime 30 years after its collapse.

Trying to flee East Germany was dangerous. Researchers estimate that 140 people died trying to cross the Wall by flying over it, escaping through the sewerage system or jumping from buildings adjacent to the border.

It is not clear how many people died trying to escape specifically through the tunnels. □

Hootie & the Blowfish return but new album blows

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

Hootie & the Blowfish, "Imperfect Circle" (Capitol Nashville) Come roll back the years with Hootie & the Blowfish. Their new 13-track offering will transport you to when Bill Clinton was in office and the Macarena took over America.

"Imperfect Circle," their first studio album in almost 15 years, picks off right where they left off, with earnest and yet utterly forgettable songs. They're nice when you play them but make no discernible impression.

For any younger readers, a refresher: Hootie & the Blowfish emerged from the University of South Carolina with a laid-back, post-grunge and cheerful mix of rootsy rock and country. Saddled with a name that aged poorly — both parts are nicknames for guys not even in the band — Hootie & the Blowfish took the best new artist title at the 1996 Grammys thanks to such hits as "Hold My Hand," "Let Her Cry" and "Only Wanna Be With You," and then took their place with other inoffensive college bro-rockers like Blues Traveler and Counting Crows.

The intervening decades have done nothing to darken the Hootie vibe. In fact, lead singer Darius Rucker seems even more disengaged, writing love



This cover image released by Capitol Records Nashville shows "Imperfect Circle," the latest release by Hootie & The Blowfish.

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songs to his longtime wife and reminding listeners he's a lucky, lucky man. "Why's a beauty queen standing here with me?" he asks. Rucker's voice has a deeper baritone and a more pronounced twang, showing the influence of his years as a country chart-topper. But the songs are mushy. "Wild-fire Love" featuring Lucie Silvas was co-written by Ed Sheeran but neither make it spark. "Hold On" is co-written by Chris Stapleton and wastes some funky guitar. The majority of the album was produced by Jeff Trott, who has — surprise, surprise — worked with Counting Crows. Though Rucker insists in "Change" that life is

always altering, nothing on this album is fresh.

Most of the lyrics sound like what you'd find stitched onto the pillows of a hippie baby boomer — "Mondays are just Fridays in disguise," "There ain't nothing that a little love can't get us through" and "Tell me to and I will shoot down the moon." Rucker is all about a can't-we-just-get-along ethos. The closest he gets to socially conscious is the cheerful, Hawaiian-tinged "We Are One," in which he blithely sings, "You and I, to the left or to the right/ Meet you somewhere in between." That would be the middle — the mushy middle. □

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